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## PREAMBLE

# DESIGN AND SYNTHESIS OF PHOTOCHROMIC SCAFFOLDS FOR BIOLOGICAL APPLICATION

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To expand the scope of bioactive compounds, which can be found in nature, chemists have developed many synthetic biocompatible molecules and drugs.<sup>1</sup> So far, many compounds have been evaluated in laboratories and have made their way into clinical application and drug approval.<sup>2</sup> This was feasible by structural re-design of known compounds or by *de novo* approaches, often assisted by the identification of hot spot areas by *in silico* studies.<sup>2, 3</sup> However, there are still many challenges to cope with. For instance, bioactive compounds such as drugs are usually delivered by diffusion control (upon uptake from the surrounding medium or, in the case of humans, after, for instance, oral or intravenous administration).<sup>2, 4</sup> This makes the transmission of the compound to a certain location within a complex system like a living cell, a tissue or even the human body very difficult. In some cases, selective addressing of a compound's action-domain is still impossible.<sup>5</sup> Moreover, the lifetime of a bioactive compound in a system depends on its metabolism and/or excretion profile and it is often still active after both processes.<sup>5</sup> For instance, antibiotics from excretion accumulate in our water reservoirs, possibly leading to strains of antibiotic-resistant bacteria.<sup>6-8</sup> Hence, there are two important issues to deal with: To discover molecules, which are bioactive, and to find ways to limit their distribution and switch them *on* and *off* when- and wherever needed.<sup>9</sup> A precise control of a molecule's active state would improve the impact of drugs, should thus reduce side-effects and e.g. decrease antibiotic resistance or *just* lead to exactly controllable tool compounds, helping scientists to unravel unsolved riddles of cellular processes.<sup>10</sup>

Bringing such a powerful instrument into a biological context depends on certain conditions: A potential substance must not be invasive, should be easy to operate, clean, and adjustable in a spatiotemporal fashion. All these criteria can be satisfied by one common mean: The usage of light, which led to the birth of the very young field of *photopharmacology*.<sup>4, 9, 11</sup> Whereas the stimulating properties of some plant extracts have been known since the old Egypt's days, the photochromism of the nowadays mostly used scaffold in photopharmacology, azobenzene, is by far younger.<sup>12, 13</sup> Its photoisomerization was first described in 1937.<sup>13</sup> Photocontrollable substances have even only been employed in pharmacological context within the last two decades. Hence, much has to be boldly discovered in a field where no one has gone before.<sup>14</sup>

However, an increase in function goes hand in hand with a higher complexity of the desired molecule. Adding photoresponsivity on the list of demands made on potential drugs, challenges the chemist once again to build complex architectures in an extremely limited space.<sup>15</sup>

Three different strategies using light as a tool in biology have been developed so far: optogenetics, uncaging and photoswitches.<sup>10, 16</sup> In optogenetics, a photosensitive actuator protein is employed as a peptidic switch, which is fused with the protein of interest. Upon irradiation with light, it undergoes structural changes which are eventually transferred onto the whole protein. In this manner, the fusion protein can be photo regulated. However, structural integration of a new peptidic section might disrupt the original function of the protein.<sup>10</sup> In contrast, the use of both uncaging and photoswitching is based on the manipulation of smaller molecular systems. In particular, uncaging classically describes the cleavage of a photolabile protecting group from a biological relevant structure such as a ligand or an amino acid (in a peptide). On the other hand, photoswitches are light-responsive structures, which undergo a reversible, structural isomerization between two (or more) photoisomers. This isomerization is accompanied by changes in sterical demand, dipole moment, and further electronical properties, generating two (or more) functional states from one molecule. The present work will mainly focus on this strategy of photocontrol.<sup>10, 11, 16, 17</sup> Several structures have been investigated regarding their photoinduced isomerization properties: Azobenzenes,<sup>18, 19</sup> diarylethenes,<sup>20</sup> fulgides and fulgimides,<sup>21</sup> overcrowded alkenes,<sup>22</sup> spiropyrans,<sup>23</sup> and donor-acceptor Stenhouse complexes<sup>24</sup> are just a few examples. However, only a limited number of candidates have been brought into a biological context so far.<sup>9, 19, 25</sup> Building a drug-like molecule from a photochromic scaffold demands several properties of the switch. Integration of a photoresponsive structure is in the first place a matter of size. The photoswitch needs to be incorporated in a crafty manner into a bioactive structure to not disrupt biological relevant interactions. In addition, the photoisomerization should induce a change in the structural and/or electronic property of the compound in such a way that the mode of action of the biomolecule is inhibited or drastically altered. Therefore, reasonable photochromic properties in aqueous environment are needed, a subject which is not investigated in all photoswitches. Also, the decoration of the photochromic core with different functional groups can influence the photoswitching properties and change the isomerization behavior and hence, must be planned at the early stage of the design of a target compound.<sup>4, 9, 11, 16, 25</sup>

Consequently, the chemist needs to choose the most suitable photoswitch for a given problem and needs to artfully mold the compound's structure. Hence, a deep knowledge of different scaffolds, their properties and their turnability is required to design the *ideal* switch for a given problem. However, not many photochromic compounds have been investigated in a logical manner to fully understand their behavior. Hence, the first part of this thesis (Chapter I), is dedicated to the investigation of the photochromic characteristics and the

tunability of a novel class of azo photoswitches, phenyl azoindoles.<sup>26</sup> In the following chapters, different strategies of photocontrol are applied in biological relevant systems. In particular, Chapter II deals with the photo-electronic control of redox coenzymes. It is shown how a photoinduced redox-lock strategy can alter the redox properties of such structures and consequently facilitate redox reactions in organic and biological environment on demand.<sup>27</sup> Chapter III is devoted to the photoinduced allosteric regulation of multienzyme complexes, using imidazole glycerol phosphate synthase and tryptophan synthase as examples. Finally, the last part of the thesis (Chapter IV) covers the use of photocontrol *via* sterical means developing ligands towards sirtuins and as histamin H1 antagonists.

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

AcOH	Acetic Acid
AICAR	5-Aminoimidazole-4-carboxamide ribotide
Ar	Aryl
ATP	Adenosintriphosphate
aq	Aqueous
AzoF	Phenylazophenylalanine
BIM	Bisindolemaleimide
B(OBu) <sub>3</sub>	Tributylborane
B(OMe) <sub>3</sub>	Trimethylborane
B(O <sup>i</sup> Pr)(O <sup>i</sup> Pr)	2-Isopropoxy-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane
Bu	Butyl
<sup>n</sup> Bu	primary-Butyl
<sup>s</sup> Bu	secondary-Butyl
Bu <sub>4</sub> NBF <sub>4</sub>	Tetrabutylammonium tetrafluoroborate
CoIn	Conical Intersection
CoQ	Coenzyme Q, Ubiquinone
C-PCM	Conductor-like polarizable continuum model
d	Days
Δ	Thermal equilibrium
DAD	Diode Array Detector
DAE	Diarylethene
DBU	1,8-Diazabicyclo(5.4.0)undec-7-ene
DCIP	2,6-Dichlorophenol indophenol
DCM	Dichloromethane
DFT	Density functional theory
DIPA	Diisopropylamine
DMF	Dimethylformamide
DMSO	Dimethylsulfoxide
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
DTE	Dithienylethene
DTM	Dithienylmaleimide
E	Energy

$\epsilon$	Permittivity
$\epsilon\lambda$	Molar attenuation coefficient at a defined wavelength $\lambda$
EPR	Electron Paramagnetic Resonance
eq	Equivalent(s)
ESI-MS	Electrospray ionization Mass Spectroscopy
Et	Ethyl
Et <sub>2</sub> O	Diethylether
$f$	Oscillator Strength
FAD	Flavine adenine dinucleotide
g	Gramm
GAT	Glutamine amidotransferases
GAP	Glycerin aldehyde-3 phosphate
GPCR	G-protein coupled receptors
h	Hours
H	Enthalpy
HDAC	Histone deacetylase
HF	Hartree-Fock
HOMO	Highest Occupied Molecular Orbital
HPLC	High performance liquid chromatography
HRMS	High resolution mass spectrometry
Hz	Hertz
IC <sub>50</sub>	Inhibitor concentration that causes 50% reduction in catalytic activity
IGP	Indole-3-glycerol phosphate
IGPS	Imidazole glycerol phosphate synthase
ImGP	Imidazoleglycerolphosphate
IR	Infrared
$k_{\text{cat}}$	Turnover number
$K_i$	Thermodynamic inhibitory constant
KIE	Kinetic Isotope Effect
$K_m$	Michaelis-Menten constant
KO <sup>t</sup> Bu	Potassium Tertbutoxyde
$\lambda$	Wavelength
LC	Liquid chromatography

LED	Light emitting diode
LUMO	Lowest Unoccupied Molecular Orbital
M	Molar
MD	Molecular Dynamic
Me	Methyl
MeCN	Acetonitrile
MeOH	Methanol
MeOD	Deuterated Methanol
mg	Millogramm
mL	Milliliter
μL	Microliter
μM	Micromolar
μs	Microseconds
min	Minutes
MPLC	Medium Pressure Liquid Chromatography
MS	Mass spectrometry
MRI	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
NAD	Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide
NBS	<i>N</i> -Bromosuccinimide
Nd:YAG	Neodymium-doped yttrium aluminum garnet; Nd:Y <sub>3</sub> Al <sub>5</sub> O <sub>12</sub>
nm	Nanometer
NMR	Nuclear magnetic resonance
NPY	Nitropiperonyl tyrosine
ONBY	Tyrosine analog o-nitrobenzyl-O-tyrosine
Peppsi- <sup>i</sup> Pr	[1,3-Bis(2,6-Diisopropylphenyl)imidazol-2-ylidene](3-chloropyridyl)palladium(II) dichloride
PDB ID	Protein data bank identity
Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	Palladium acetate
Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	Tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0)
Ph	Phenyl
pH	Potential of hydrogen
pK <sub>a</sub>	Acid dissociation constant
PLPG	Photolabile protecting groups
PhNNPy	Phenylazopyridine

ppm	Parts per million
PRFAR	N'-[(5'-phosphoribuloseyl)formimino]-5-aminoimidazole-4-carboxamide-ribonucleotide
<sup>i</sup> Pr	Isopropyl
PSS	Photo Stationary State
Py	Pyridine
QY	Quantum yield
R <sub>f</sub>	Retardation factor
rt	Room temperature
S	Entropy
SIRT	Silent information regulator type
SnClBu <sub>3</sub>	Tributyltinchloride
τ	Lifetime
TD-DFT	Time Dependent Density functional theory
TEA	Triethylamine
TFA	Trifluoroacetic acid
THF	Tetrahydrofuran
TICT	Twisted intramolecular electron transfer
TLC	Thin layer chromatography
TPPTS	3,3',3''-Phosphanetriyltris(benzenesulfonic acid) trisodium salt
TS	Tryptophan synthase
UV	Ultraviolet
Vis	Visible
X-Ray	Röntgen radiation
ZMAL	(S)-tert-Butyl (6-acetamido-1-((4-methyl-2-oxo-2H-chromen-7-yl)amino)-1-oxohexan-2-yl)carbamate

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I. ARYLAZOINDOLES: A NEW CLASS OF AZO SWITCHES

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# Chapter I

# PHOTOCHROMIC SMALL MOLECULAR TOOLS: ALTERING BIOLOGICAL FUNCTION THROUGH LIGHT

If we knew what it was we were doing, it would not be called research, would it?

Albert Einstein

## I.1 Heteroarylazo Dyes as Molecular Photoswitches

### **Abstract:**

Over 150 years after its discovery and more than 80 years since its photochromism was described for the first time, azobenzene has become one of the pillars of molecular switches. Due to its stability and reliability, the old molecule has found applications spanning all the fields of modern chemistry, material science, biology and photopharmacology. In particular, in their seek to obtain the ideal photoswitch for a given problem, scientists have tweaked the properties of azobenzenes to all the extents. Concerning this aspect, heteroaryl azo dyes have hardly been considered so far. However, exchanging a carbon atom with a heteroatom extends the range of scaffolds the chemist can rely on and most importantly brings a panoply of promising new features. Heterocyclic azo dyes are known to switch since the photochromism of azobenzene was studied. Only in the recent years, however, their use is blossoming, rising them from a bare niche of the azo switches and putting them into the limelight. Here we discuss the versatility and multifaceted characteristics of these scaffolds as molecular photoactuators, that are elevating them as a serious alternative for azobenzene derivatives. With this review, we aim to summarize the researches on heteroarylazo photoswitches, which are easily lost in the vast reaches of the azo compound literature, and to focus on the future challenges this growing field has to endeavor.

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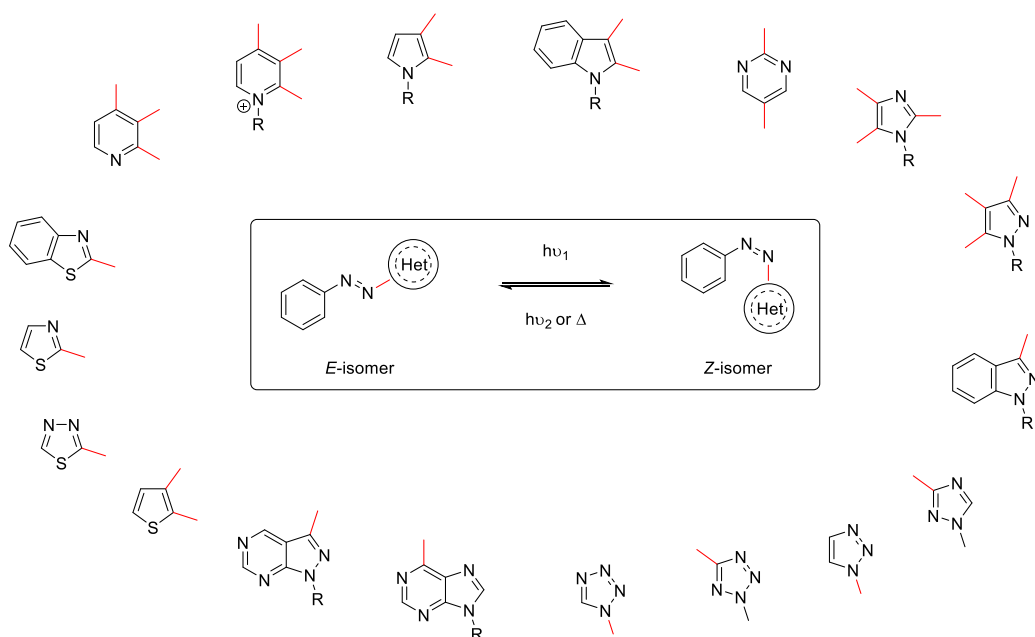
### I.1.1 Introduction

The chemistry of azo dyes was founded with the discovery of diazonium salts, already in 1858.<sup>1</sup> Up to today, these dyes have been used manifold to treat leather, textiles and even food or are used as pigments in rubbers and plastics. Chemical derivatization of the compounds generated a wide range of colors, from the Pigment Yellow 12 to Trypan Blue (used on cotton).<sup>2,3</sup> Though we come across these compounds every day since the 1860s, not before the 1930s scientists found that azo dyes actually exist in two different isomeric forms (namely, as an *E*- and *Z*-isomer) that can be interconverted using light *stimuli* disclosing the first photochemical switches (or *photoswitches*).<sup>4,7</sup> The mechanisms, the changes in geometry and polarity, and the molecular motion of the isomerization process itself have been employed in a broad scope of applications. For instance, azobenzenes have been used to manipulate catalytic activity,<sup>8</sup> material properties<sup>9</sup> or biological recognition,<sup>10</sup> used in molecular storage<sup>11</sup> and logic devices<sup>12</sup> or for real-time information transfer.<sup>13</sup>

Due to this enormous application potential the interest on azoswitches reached a peak in the last decades. To generate the *perfect* photoswitch for a given problem, researches extensively tuned the properties of azobenzene, the parent and most used azo compound so far. Suitable substituents have been attached to the core to alter its color, chemical and mechanical properties. In this way, red-shifted absorbing derivatives that can be switched using either visible or near-IR light have been synthesized,<sup>14,15</sup> along with extremely fast<sup>16</sup> or thermally highly stable ones.<sup>17,18</sup> In many cases, nearly quantitative photoswitching between the two isomeric forms has been achieved.<sup>19</sup> Whereas the characteristics of azobenzenes need to be shifted by adding substituents onto the core, heteroaromatic derivatives differ in their properties due to their intrinsic electronic properties.<sup>18,19</sup> Indeed, exchanging a carbon in azobenzene for one (or more) heteroatom(s) leads not only to a broader structural diversity.<sup>19</sup> Owing to the different electronic characteristics, the main absorption band of heteroatom-containing azo switches are shifted compared to azobenzenes (hypsochromically for  $\pi$ -acceptors of the azo moiety and bathochromically for  $\pi$ -donors).<sup>20</sup> This is feasible without further functionalization of the photochromic core. In addition, intra- and intermolecular interactions can be more easily taken into account. Due to the presence of the heteroatom, properties like hydrogen-bonding or coordination to metal centers can be achieved directly from the photochromic core itself. Hence, this strategy jointly ties the photochromism and secondary interactions. Moreover, the electronic structure of the aromatic ring systems bearing heteroatoms of group 15 and 16 give access to five-membered aromatic rings.

Consequently, molecules bearing novel photophysical and photochemical properties, different steric demands and geometry become accessible.<sup>18</sup>

Given the increasing interest on heteroaryl azo dyes as photoswitches, we believe it is about time to summarize the state-of-the-art of this fast-growing topic. Consequently, we will herein review the use of heteroaromatic azo switches, without the intent to be comprehensive, but rather aiming on providing a qualitative overview of the field. Hence, we will present different heteroarenes (and their bicyclic derivatives) ordered according to the kind and number of heteroatoms in the aryl rings (Figure 1) and highlight prominent applications.



**Figure 1: *E*-to-*Z*-isomerization of different heteroarylazo switches discussed here.**

### I.1.2 Heteroaryl Rings Bearing One Nitrogen Atom

#### I.1.2.1 Pyridines and Pyridinium Salts

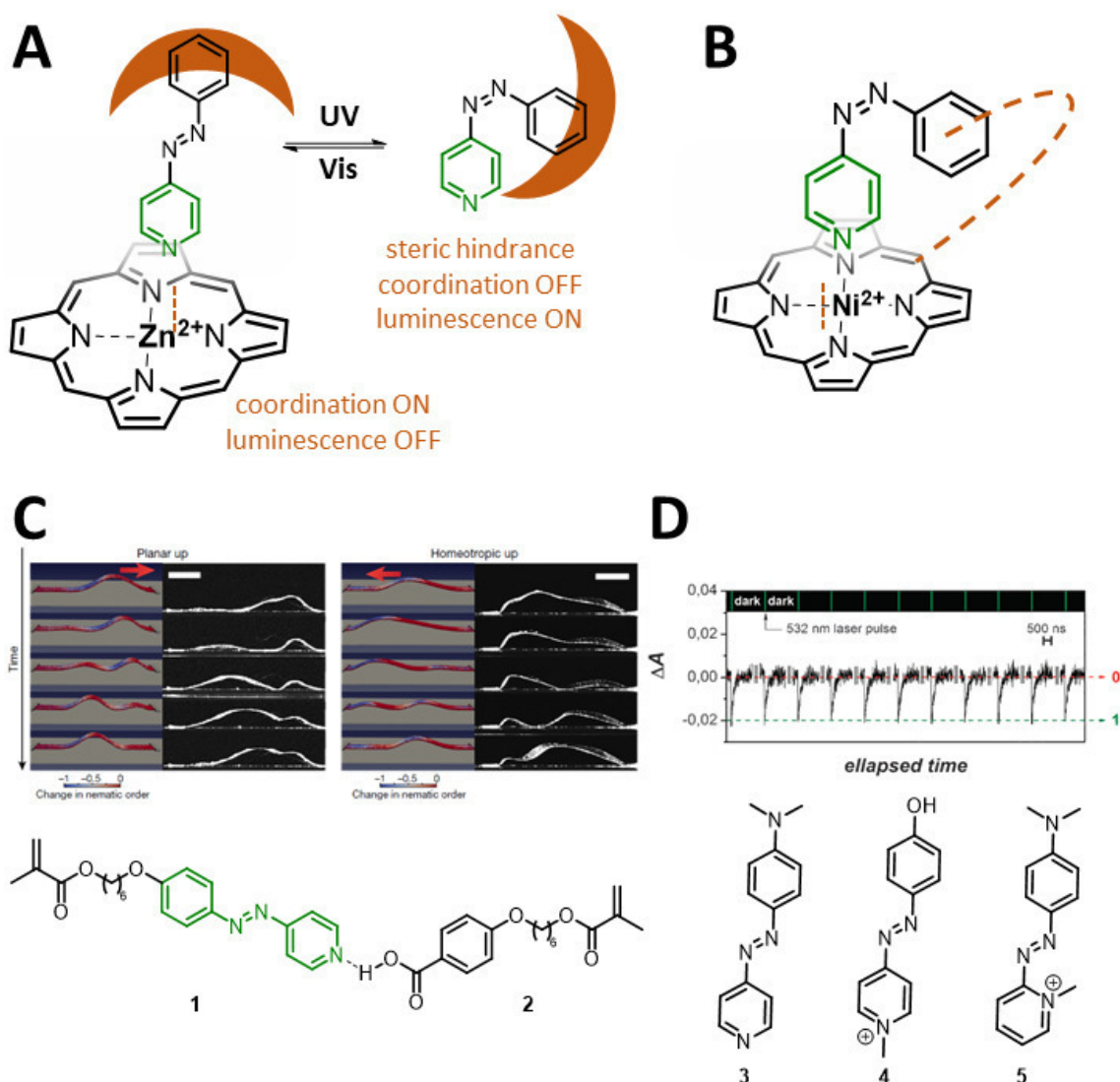
The first explored and up to the present mostly used heterocyclic subunit is pyridine.<sup>4</sup> Already in the 1950s the *geometrical isomerism* of azopyridines was observed through melting point studies of isomeric mixtures and irradiation experiments combined with UV-Vis spectroscopy.<sup>4,6,7</sup> In contrast to azobenzene, which dipole moment is zero for the *E*-isomer and 3 Debye for its *Z*-isomer,<sup>21</sup> azopyridines exhibit a dipole moment in both forms due to the electronic perturbations induced by the presence of the nitrogen atom.<sup>7</sup> Moreover, the lone pair of the pyridine moiety can be employed as a junction for supramolecular interactions with other molecules.

For instance, Otsuki and coworkers used the electron-donating ability of pyridine to construct a photo-addressable ligand for zinc-porphyrins employing phenylazopyridine (PhNNPy) as labile axial ligand.<sup>22-25</sup> Thereby, they observed fluorescence-quenching of the metalloporphyrin upon binding of PhNNPy, which could be regenerated through protonation or reduction of the system. However, investigations on photoswitching of the labile ligand were only mentioned in a footnote and seemed to not influence the systems so far. Ten years later, Otsuki and his group could improve their system equipping PhNNPy with a shuttlecock or a bowl framework to attain sterical control over the binding properties upon photochemical *E*-to-*Z* isomerization of the ligand (Figure 2A).<sup>25</sup> They could further demonstrate the control of fluorescence properties upon switching.<sup>24</sup> The key-ingredients facilitating the photocontrol over the system was to sterically restrain the axial ligand. The group of Herges adopted this concept and synthesized a porphyrin, which exhibits a covalently bond PhNNPy group (Figure 2B). By using nickel(II) as metal center they were able to build up a powerful framework to control the magnetic properties of the complex through photoswitching.<sup>26</sup> In particular, the PhNNPy was embedded in such a way that only the *Z*-isomer could coordinate to the metal center. Through switching of the tethered, axial ligand from the *E*- to the *Z*-isomer, the coordination number of the Ni<sup>II</sup> center was switched from  $n = 4$  to 5. Hence, the square planar, low-spin complex was transformed into a pyramidal high-spin complex through irradiation with light of 500 nm. The process was reversible (*Z*-to-*E* isomerization could be triggered with 435 nm light) over several thousand cycles. Moreover, the group could point out that a potential application as switchable contrast agent for dynamic MRI studies might be feasible as photoisomerization of the presented compound led to a contrast difference of 43%. Indeed, the group of Herges could further improve the MRI contrast properties of their system modifying their design of a tethered axial ligand attaching the more electron-rich PhNN *meta*-Py derivative to the porphyrin.<sup>27</sup> In a later work, the group could transfer the same concept using a bulky, photo-dissociative, non-covalently bond PhNNPy, which could only coordinate to the nickel porphyrin in the sterically less hindered *E*-form, applying the same concepts used by Otsuki and coworkers (*vide supra*).<sup>28, 29</sup> Moreover, iron centered metal complexes have been employed to induce spin-crossover, however less successfully,<sup>30, 31</sup> while the *E*-to-*Z* isomerization of the PhNNPy ligands was suggested as a method to photochemically control the luminescence properties of rhenium complexes.<sup>32-35</sup>

Albeit the concept of photoisomerizable ligands controlling the properties of organometallic complexes is reported in several examples, it cannot be transferred as easily to every system.

For instance, Freixa and coworkers investigated photoswitchable complexes of iridium<sup>36-38</sup> and ruthenium.<sup>39</sup> In these examples, *E*-to-*Z* photoisomerization is nearly suppressed, especially when using PhNNPy as ligand. The group supports these findings with DFT calculations suggesting that the lack of reactivity can be attributed to a low energetic and thus strong metal-to-ligand charge transfer (MLCT) interaction, quenching the  $\pi^*$  excited state of the azo compounds formed upon irradiation.<sup>38</sup> However, Zhou *et al.* took advantage of the azo moiety's <sup>3</sup>MLCT to generate a metal-ligand system which's photodissociation is redox-controllable.<sup>40</sup> In the presence of a reducing agent, the energy acceptor property of the azo function,<sup>38, 41, 42</sup> which prohibits photo-dissociating of the azopyridine ligand,<sup>43</sup> can be quenched and the metal center can generate a new coordination site upon irradiation.<sup>40</sup>

The group of Broer used pyridine based azoswitches to generate motion in a photoactive film.<sup>9</sup> In particular, the phenylazopyridine (PhNNPy) **1** shown in Figure 2C is able to act as a hydrogen acceptor forming a hydrogen bond with the carboxylic acid **2** (Figure 2C). The increase in the push-pull character of the azo switch leads to high thermal *Z*-to-*E* isomerization rates of the polymer film doped with compounds **1** and **2** (Figure 2C). Irradiation of the film induces the photochemical formation of the *Z*-isomer accompanied by a geometrical reorganization of the film. Usually, azobenzene doped films stay in this bent condition at least until the light-stimulus is removed. However, the irradiated films experience a temperature increase that dramatically decreases the isomerization lifetime of the already fast switches. Thus, a continuous wave can be generated in the polymer through irradiation, when the film is fixed on both ends (Figure 2C). This motion can be used to transport small, macroscopic objects on the film surface or to make oscillating materials. Moreover, Velasco and coworkers used a similar pyridine-based system to generate a high-speed photoswitch for real-time transmitting systems.<sup>44, 45</sup> However, in this case the fast thermal relaxation mechanism is supposed to proceed through a hydrazone-mediated pathway. Curiously, Broer *et al.* tried to employ such a derivative in their photoactive film but obtained slower relaxation of the *Z*-isomer, compared to azo-push-pull system based on PhNNPy **1**.<sup>9</sup>



**Figure 2:** A: PhNNPy with a shuttlecock or a bowl framework to attain sterical control over the binding properties towards zinc porphyrin upon photochemical *E*-to-*Z* isomerization of the ligand.<sup>25</sup> B: Tethered axial PhNNPy ligand, which is geometrically only able to bind as *Z*-isomer. Upon binding the coordination number of the nickel atom changes from four to five and is accompanied by a spin-crossover of the metal center.<sup>26</sup> C: Hydrogen bonding with compound 2 leads to enhanced azo-push-pull properties of PhNNPy 1 (bottom). Hence, a photoactive polymer film containing both monomers is thermally relaxing fast enough to generate continuous waves in the fixed film upon irradiation (top). Reproduced with permission from Springer Nature.<sup>9</sup> D: Pyridine (3) and Pyridinium (4, 5) azo-push-pull systems for real-time information systems. Herein, compound 5 isomerizes thermally in the nanosecond range upon irradiation with green light (top: light-dark-cycles of compound 5). Reprinted with permission from the Royal Society of Chemistry.<sup>49</sup>

The push-pull character of pyridine-based switches can be enhanced by methylation, thus generating a positive charge on the pyridine core.<sup>46</sup> Especially, 2- and 4- azopyridinium salts with a phenyl ring bearing an (alkylated) hydroxy or amino group in *para*-position to the azo function were used to generate thermal *Z*-to-*E* isomerizations half-lives in the ms-range (for



alkoxy) and the ns-range (for amino derivatives, cf. Figure 2D).<sup>44, 45, 47</sup> Noteworthy, the absorption profiles of these derivatives are bathochromically shifted compared to non-push-pull analogues, absorbing in the visible region (for the amino-pyridinium derivative **5** shown in Figure 2D the shift is up to 200 nm compared to azobenzene, hence, addressable with green light).<sup>45, 47</sup> The quick isomerization behavior was used to make fast-responding liquid crystal dopants,<sup>47</sup> photo-driven oscillators<sup>44</sup> and real-time information transmitting systems.<sup>45</sup> Additionally, the redox potentials of both photoisomers of azopyridiniums were found to strongly depend on the photoisomer. This could be of interest for the development of photo-regulated electron-carriers.<sup>48</sup>

#### I.1.2.2 Pyrrole and Indole

Azopyrroles and indoles have been exploited as substructures in dyes, drugs or in non-linear optics,<sup>50-52</sup> but the number of examples the scaffolds are used as molecular photoswitches, is limited. Similar to other electron-rich azo-compounds, their main  $\pi\pi^*$  transition band is bathochromically shifted by *ca.* 50-100 nm.<sup>16, 18, 19</sup> Moreover, phenylazopyrroles are reported to possess very good PSS (*ca.* 85% *E*-to-*Z* and up to 98% in photochemical *Z*-to-*E* isomerization), high fatigue resistance and half-lives from *ca.* 20 s to *ca.* 4 days depending on the position of the azo function and the steric demand of the substituents placed onto the ring.<sup>18, 19</sup> Azopyrroles incorporated in azo-push-pull systems lead to fast *Z*-to-*E* relaxation kinetics (milliseconds to seconds) and switches addressable with visible light (*vide infra*).<sup>49, 53-55</sup> Hence, these derivatives could be employed for example as photo-oscillators and in material chemistry but only a few reports on their uses are known so far.<sup>56</sup>

Beyond that, the *Z*- form of the 3-phenylazoindoles exhibits an even wider span of thermal lifetimes (ns to days) and have been reported to be tunable through choice of substituents and solvent (mixture) in our recent study.<sup>16</sup>

### I.1.3 Heteroaryl Rings Bearing Two Nitrogen Atom

#### I.1.3.1 Pyrimidine

The synthesis of azopyrimidines is known since the 1930s. However, their similarity with the nucleic acids, especially regarding the formation of hydrogen bonds, makes them promising candidates for applications in photopharmacology and biocompatible real-time information transmission.<sup>57-59</sup> Unfortunately, only very few studies focus on the photochromic properties of azopyrimidines. Representing the even more electron deficient analogue of pyridine, azopyrimidenes are suitable to be employed in azo-push-pull systems. Velasco and coworkers

report to reach thermal isomerization kinetics as fast as 40 ns in phosphate buffer on a 4-azophenol derivative.<sup>59–71</sup> Besides, the rotamer distribution in differently substituted azopyrimidines could be controlled in a very recent work by Thiele and Dračinský. It was discovered that the intramolecular interactions (*viz.* H-bonding) and the electronic demand of the substituents on the heterocycle have an influence on the formation and stability of the Z-isomer in this class of molecules.<sup>58</sup>

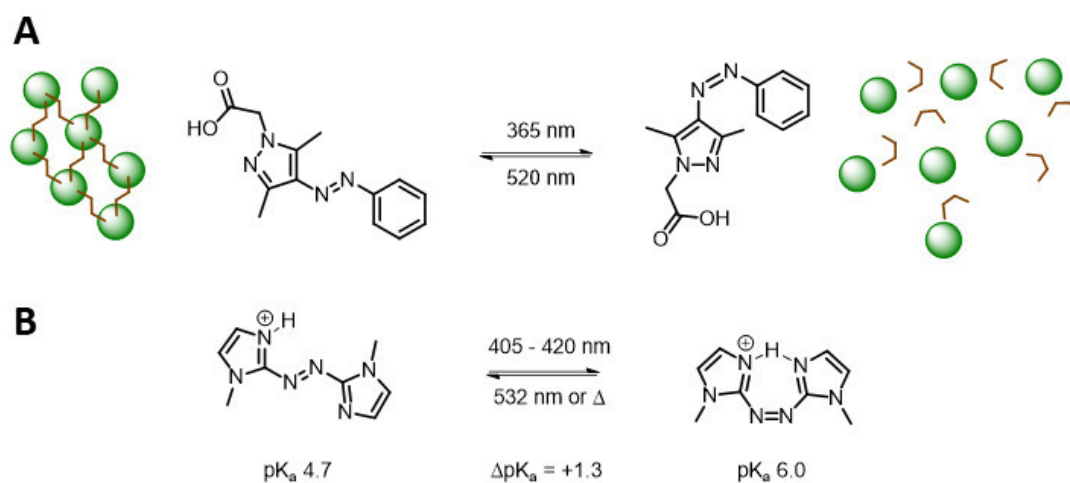
#### I.1.3.2 Pyrazole and Indazole

More recently, in 2014, Fuchter and coworkers investigated the photochromic properties of phenylazopyrazoles. Some derivatives showed excellent addressable two-way-photoswitching and long thermal half-lives.<sup>18</sup> Similarly, also the bicyclic derivative, azoindazole, was reported to exhibit good to excellent photoisomerization characteristics and high thermal stability of the Z-isomer.<sup>17</sup> These properties make them comparable with the best-performing azobenzene derivatives<sup>18</sup> and consequently, could also make this class an interesting candidate for molecular storage devices, a field which is currently dominated by diarylethenes.<sup>19</sup> Phenylazopyrazoles have been recently applied in supramolecular complexes<sup>60</sup> (Figure 3A) and are used in photopharmacology.<sup>61</sup> Being the subject of several structure-property studies, azopyrazoles can be considered one of the better understood heteroarylazo switches (beside of the much more well-established pyridine and imidazole, *vide infra*).<sup>18, 19, 62</sup> Recent works of the groups of Fuchter and Venkataramani reveal the importance of steric factors on the stability of the Z-isomer and the thermal lifetime of the compounds. Additionally, suitable substituents on the phenyl moiety can generate azo-push-pull or tautomerizable systems (OH substituents on the phenyl unit or an unsubstituted nitrogen of the pyrazole) and hence, give access to a broad range of lifetimes *via* various thermal isomerization pathways.<sup>18, 19, 62</sup> Hence, we believe this scaffold can be readily employed in rational design of compounds with photo-addressable cores and will be very likely used more frequently in the future.

#### I.1.3.3 Imidazole

Phenylazoimidazole derivatives are, after azopyridines, the second most utilized heteroarylazo switches up to date. Moreover, many properties and mechanistic effects have been investigated experimentally and by computational means.<sup>19, 63–65</sup> In particular, azoimidazoles possess excellent E-to-Z-PSSs (>95% of Z isomer), but only decent Z-to-E-

PSSs due to the overlapping of the  $\pi\pi^*$  and  $n\pi^*$  bands that limits the efficiency of the photochemical back-isomerization process.<sup>19, 66</sup> Quantum yields of photochemical isomerization and the thermal lifetime of the *Z*-isomer are higher compared to azobenzene.<sup>63</sup> Unsubstituted imidazole-NH leads to particularly fast thermal *Z*-to-*E* relaxation, most probably due to the formation of hydrazone tautomers, as like other five-membered heteroarene photoswitches (or azobenzenes with amino- or hydroxy-substituents on the phenyl moiety).<sup>64, 66, 67</sup> In contrast, *N*-substituted imidazoles exhibit thermal half-lives of hours to days.<sup>19, 65</sup> In particular, the special features of this system are yet again to be found in the electronic nature of the photochromic core.



**Figure 3:** A: The *E*-Azopyrazole links cyclodextrin vesicles (green), whereas the *Z*-isomer is sterically hindered, the host-guest interaction is disturbed and hence, the vesicles are released.<sup>60</sup> B: Switching protonated *E*- azobis(2-imidazole) to its *Z*-isomer, an additional proton bond can be formed and consequently, the basicity is increased.<sup>72</sup>

Due to their well-investigated properties, azoimidazoles have already found several applications. For instance, they have been structurally combined with a ribofuranose unit to be potentially employed as novel photoswitchable nucleotides<sup>68</sup> or as ligands in copper complexes.<sup>69</sup> Due to their electron excess, they show improved spin crossover in a nickel<sup>II</sup> porphyrin complex,<sup>69</sup> and can be utilized as photo-controllable bases. Previous works were either using the azo function<sup>70</sup> or a basic amine function was attached to one of the phenyl rings in azobenzene for proton binding.<sup>71</sup> Fuchter and coworkers applied an azobis(2-imidazole) where the *Z*-isomer possesses a geometry capable of forming an additional, second hydrogen bond to the bond proton (Figure 3B).<sup>72</sup> In this manner, the *Z*-isomer is able to provide a higher pK<sub>a</sub> value than the *E*-isomer (ΔpK<sub>a</sub> = 1.3). Interestingly, this structural effect is also stabilizing the *Z*-isomer itself and hence, increasing its thermal half-life.

#### I.1.4 Heteroaryl Rings Bearing Three Nitrogen Atoms and More

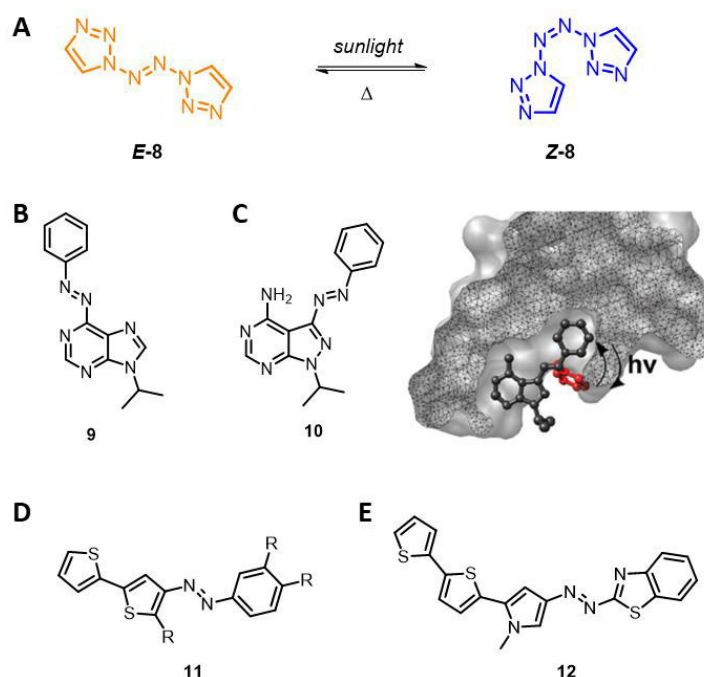
Azoswitches containing heterocycles with more than two nitrogen atoms per ring are rare. For instance, phenylazotriazoles and tetrazoles are reported scaffolds but to the best of our knowledge, their photochromic properties have only been commented on in a study regarding the photochromic behavior of five-membered heterocyclic azoswitches by Fuchter and coworkers.<sup>19, 73</sup> Moreover, due to their challenging synthesis and considerable instability only a limited number of nitrogen atoms can be incorporated in a photoswitch.<sup>74-77</sup> To our surprise, 1,1'-azobis-1,2,3-triazole (containing a stable N<sub>8</sub> chain)<sup>74</sup> and 1,1'-azobis-tetrazole (containing a N<sub>10</sub> chain)<sup>75</sup> had been synthesized and even photoisomerized (isomerization followed by Raman spectroscopy). The N<sub>8</sub>-containing 1,1'-azobis-1,2,3-triazole could be moreover investigated through UV-Vis spectroscopy. Indeed, upon irradiation of the red *E*-isomer the compound undergoes an untypical change in the color in the solid state, due to the formation of a blue *Z*-isomer.<sup>74</sup>

The groups of Szymanski and Feringa derived azoswitches from various substituted purins in the context of photopharmacology.<sup>78</sup> The authors report high fatigue resistance and red-shifted absorption properties of some azoadenine and azoguanine derivatives. Grötl and coworkers incorporated the related azopyrazolpyrimidine moiety into an azo switch to obtain a photocontrollable RET-kinase inhibitor.<sup>79</sup> Both examples indicate that purines and related scaffolds are promising candidates for the development of novel photoswitchable nucleotides, smart drugs and further photopharmacological applications.

#### I.1.5 Heteroaryl Rings Bearing Other Heteroatoms and Mixed Scaffolds

Arylazothiophenes and thiazoles were already studied for their applicability in materials for non-linear optics<sup>51, 52, 80, 81</sup> before additional investigations regarding their photochromic behavior were performed by the group of Raposo. Whereas 5- arylazo-2,2'-bithiophenes showed photochromic properties addressable with visible light (*E*-to-*Z* isomerization was assigned to 35-50%, thermal half-lives to 18-69 s), no photochromism was found in 4-azobithiophenes.<sup>82</sup> Moving from purely sulfur based scaffolds to 4- and 5-thiazoles the photochromic characteristics were studied in azo dyes also possessing a second heteroaryl moiety on the other side of the azo-function (phenylazo derivatives are known in the literature, but were not studied as photoswitches<sup>83</sup>).<sup>53, 54, 84</sup> As aryl counterpart, mainly bithiophenes and thiopheno-pyrroles were used to generate an azo-push-pull system facilitating fast *Z*-to-*E* thermal relaxation *via* the fast rotation pathway<sup>49, 85</sup> and visible light photoswitching.<sup>53, 54, 84</sup> Teaming up with the group of Velasco, Raposo and coworkers

investigated the thermal relaxation process in more detail and found that such photochromic systems exhibit thermal isomerization lifetimes down to the  $\mu$ s-range and extremely high fatigue resistance.<sup>49, 85</sup> Consequently, an application as molecular photo-oscillator using the switches as dopants in liquid-crystals was considered.<sup>49</sup> Similar to fast-oscillating PhNNPys, arylazothiophenes and thiazoles could potentially be further developed in the direction of visible-light mediates materials or in photopharmacology due to the low-energetic electronic transitions.<sup>49</sup>



**Figure 4:** A: Stable azo- $N_8$ -chains can be isomerized with sunlight or thermal energy, respectively.<sup>74</sup> B: The purine-based azoswitch 9 can be photoisomerized with visible light.<sup>78</sup> C: The azopyrazolpyrimidine based RET-kinase inhibitor 10 only binds in its *E*-form as the *Z*-form is sterically too bulky and released from the binding site. Reprinted with permission from Springer Nature.<sup>79</sup> D: 5- Arylazo-2,2'-bithiophenes 11 can be isomerized with visible light, whereas the similar 4-arylazo derivatives do not show photochromic properties.<sup>84</sup> E: The arylazo thiazoles 12 is addressable with green laser-light and isomerized thermally from the *Z*-isomer in the  $\mu$ s-range. Hence, application as molecular photo-oscillators are considered.

### I.1.6 Conclusion and Outlook

Heteroarylazoswitches have advanced in recent years to extremely adjustable photoswitches. Indeed, they exhibit a broader range of characteristics than the parent azobenzene, owing to the special electronic features originated by the presence of the heteroatom(s). For instance, their metastable *Z*- form lifetime spans from the stable (1000 days) to the swift (tenths of ns), extremizing the characteristics of the azobenzene, with little to no functionalization. Hence, many scaffolds have already found astonishing applications such as photo-

addressable Brønsted bases, metal ligands to control luminescence or spin states or in functional materials, which are even able to transform molecular motion into macroscopic action. However, only few scaffolds are thoroughly investigated and thus, most applications are realized applying the chemistry of two specific heterocyclic azoswitches, namely azopyridine and azoimidazole. However, more and more core structures have been characterized and rationally studied. Especially, nitrogen bearing heteroarenes, such as pyrazoles, pyrroles or indoles are increasingly better understood, extremely tunable and are hence prominent scaffolds for future applications. Moreover, heteroazo switches like arylazothiazoles, are often addressable with visible light, which paves the way to the applications of selected compounds in emerging fields such as photopharmacology. In addition, many heteroarylazo dyes, such as furan-,<sup>86</sup> isoxazole-<sup>87</sup> and quinoxaline-based ones<sup>88, 89</sup> are known in current literature but were not (yet) investigated regarding their photochromic properties.

In conclusion, research is still at a very early stage, especially in terms of applications. However, the field is clearly moving forward, seeking deeper insight, novel scaffolds and smart issues, which will very likely have significant impact in the area of light-controlled processes.

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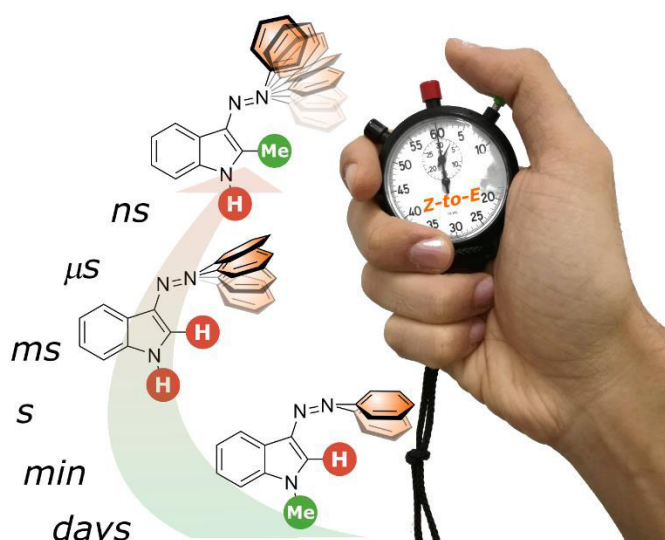
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## I.2 Tuning the Thermal Isomerization of Phenylazoindole Photoswitches from Days to Nanoseconds

### Abstract

The growing interest in light-driven molecular switches and optical oscillators led to the development of molecules that are able to interconvert from a stable to a metastable configuration upon photochemical triggering and to return to the thermodynamically stable form as soon as the light stimulus is removed. Controlling a wide range of back-isomerization lifetimes in the dark is a crucial goal for potential application of these compounds such as molecular machines. We herein present a novel class of easily synthesizable azo photoswitches based on the arylazoindole core. Most notably, minimal modifications of the core such as the methylation, dramatically change the Z-to-E thermal isomerization rate from days (Me in position 1) to the nanosecond range (Me in position 2). Moreover, fine tuning of the Z-to-E lifetimes can be achieved choosing a proper dimethyl sulfoxide-water (or buffered water) sol-vent mixture. The photochemical and thermal mechanisms have been elucidated by a thorough computational and spectroscopic analysis. This allowed to detect three different pathways of thermal isomerization and to identify the hydrazone tautomer of the phenylazoindole as the major actor in the fast Z-E thermal isomerization of the NH-substituted switch in protic media.



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### I.2.1 Introduction

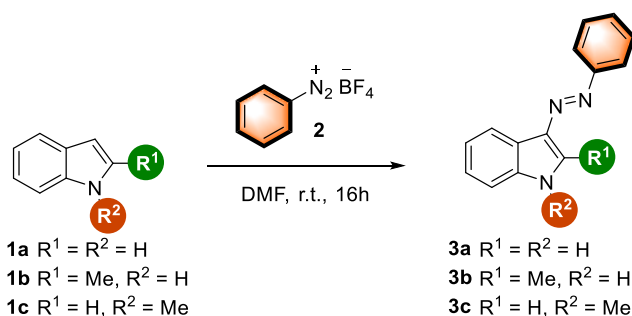
Photoswitches have evolved into handy tools to control molecular properties, such as magnetization, fluorescence or biological activity, or can be exploited as the centerpiece of molecular machines.<sup>1</sup> Thereby, light is applied as an external stimulant. It is easy to handle, unmatched fast and precise in practical usage, and orthogonal to biological systems and most chemical transformations.<sup>1-3</sup> Within the many classes of photoswitches investigated, azo dyes have emerged as a popular example in the last decades including manifold applications, *e.g.* in polymers,<sup>4,5</sup> electronics,<sup>6</sup> material science,<sup>7</sup> protein probes and *in vivo* photocontrol of biomolecules,<sup>8-11</sup> or as light-controllable catalysts.<sup>12</sup> Among them, azobenzene (and its derivatives) is undoubtedly the most prominent scaffold investigated in both fundamental research and modern applications.<sup>13</sup> The planar azobenzene *E*-isomer can be efficiently converted into its meta-stable *Z*-isomer via UV irradiation, with a consequent change in the electronic as well as geometrical properties of the molecule.<sup>14,15</sup> The *Z*-isomer is the main component of the thus formed photostationary state (PSS) and can interconvert to the more stable *E*-isomer through visible light irradiation or through thermal relaxation.<sup>15</sup> Indeed, the ideal thermal lifetime of the meta-stable *Z*-isomer strongly depends on the application of interest. Highly thermal stable azoswitches are desired for applications as such as molecular storage or logic devices, respectively.<sup>16</sup> In contrast, fast relaxing azobenzenes are preferably employed, for instance, in real-time optical information-transmitting materials<sup>17</sup> or in *in vivo* applications due to their temporally limited action.<sup>18</sup> Thus, a lot of effort has been put to modify the thermal lifetime of azobenzenes. Most of these transformations have been achieved through the introduction of different substituents onto the azobenzene core. Ortho-fluoro<sup>19</sup> or ortho-thiol substituents<sup>20</sup> have been used to stabilize the thermal lifetime of azobenzenes, whereas 4,4' push pull or azophenolic systems (or a combination of both) can lead to extremely fast-relaxing switches.<sup>17,21</sup> More recently, also heteroaromatic scaffolds were considered to broaden the range of azo dye properties, including their thermal lifetime. Notably, azopyrimidine,<sup>21</sup> azopyridines,<sup>22,23</sup> azopyrroles,<sup>24</sup> azoimidazole<sup>25-29</sup> and azopyrazoles,<sup>30-32</sup> or lately the bicyclic azoindazole scaffold,<sup>33</sup> were reported. They were used, for example, to control the assembly of supramolecular systems or as photo-controllable ligands being, depending on the scaffold and its substitution pattern, highly stable (for a pyrazole derivative, the thermal lifetime is reported to be up to 1000 days<sup>32</sup>) or fast-relaxing systems (40 ns, for an azopyrimidine<sup>21</sup>). However, a scaffold usually exhibits a certain lifetime and the tunability is mostly limited to few orders of magnitude, thus it belongs either to the thermally stable or to the fast back-isomerizing family.

Herein, we present phenylazaindoles as photochromic scaffolds with extremely tunable thermal lifetimes. Indoles are omnipresent in nature, substructures of drugs and various dyes. Though previously employed as antibacterial agents, food-dyes,<sup>34</sup> or metal complexing ligands,<sup>35</sup> arylazaindoles have not been considered as photochromic compounds so far. We investigated both minimal chemical variations of the scaffold (methylation in different positions) and solvent effects on the thermal lifetime of the compounds. We elucidated the mechanism of the isomerizations and take advantage of it to tune the properties of the here presented photoswitches from days to nanoseconds. Thereby, we focus on providing a deep and general understanding of a new class of azo photoswitches to pave the way to further rational developments, using this novel core potentially for all kinds of applications.

## I.2.2 Results and Discussion

### I.2.2.1 Synthesis

The phenylazaindoles **3a-c** were synthesized through azo coupling of diazonium salt **2** and the appropriate indoles **1a-c** (see Scheme 1 and Section A.I.2.1. in the Appendix).



**Scheme 1: Synthesis of 3a-c.**

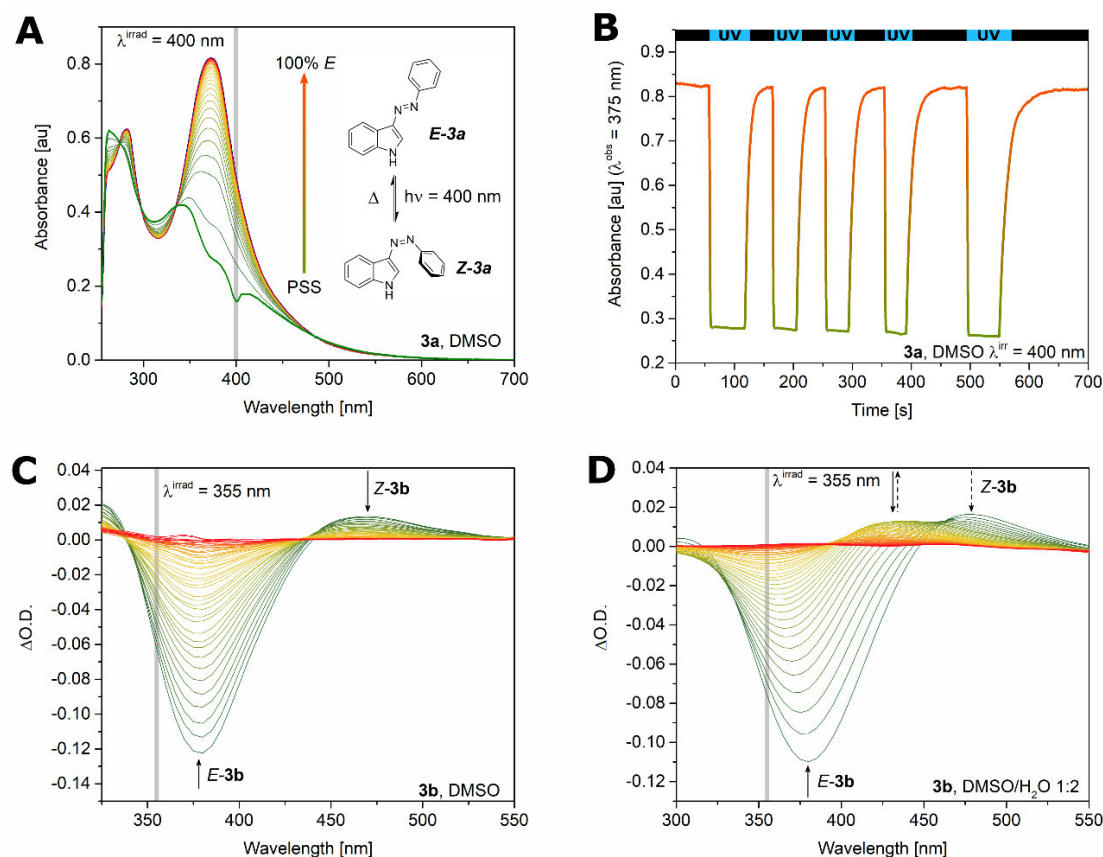
### I.2.2.2 Spectroscopy

The absorption and isomerization properties of phenylazaindoles **3a-c** were investigated in various solvents, from non-polar (aromatic and non-aromatic) to polar aprotic and polar-protic ones. Most prominent is the broad absorption band between 359 and 380 nm. We could assign the aforementioned band to the  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  transition of the azo group (see Table A1; for the recorded UV/Vis spectra, see Section A.I.2.2.) owing to the similarities with azobenzene and other azoheteroarenes, and TD-DFT simulations (see Section A.I.2.4.).<sup>15,33</sup> By trend, methylation (**3b** and **3c**) induces a slight bathochromic shift of the band compared to **3a** (between 4 to 11 nm). The weaker  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  band is present between 400 to 500 nm as a tailing of the  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  transition. Due to the high variety of lifetimes ( $\tau$ ) of the Z-isomer encountered, we decided to study the different kinetics of thermal relaxation processes of

**Z-3a-c** using three different experimental setups. In particular, for the slower kinetics, the *E*-to-*Z* isomerization was induced through irradiation with LEDs of 400 nm or 365 nm and the back isomerization from the PSS in the dark was recorded through an UV/Vis spectrometer (seconds to hours range, see for example Figure 1A) or multiplate UV/Vis reader (hours to days). The faster kinetics were studied via nanosecond laser flash photolysis with excitation provided by a Nd:YAG laser at 355 nm (full details and pictures of the various experimental setups are included in the Section A.I.1. in the Appendix). Multiple isomerization cycles can be achieved by pulsed irradiation of a single wavelength (see for example Figure 1B, concerning the pulsed irradiation with 400 nm of **3a** in DMSO).

The results are summarized in Table 1 (see Table A2 for a wider number of entries and Section A.I.2.2. for spectra and isomerization kinetics). Compounds **Z-3a** and **Z-3b** exhibited thermal isomerization lifetimes comparable with or far lower than the second range. Laser flash photolysis allowed us to describe the transient absorption signal belonging to the *Z*-form of **3a** and **3b**. In particular, in **3b** a broad absorption band appeared around 450 nm immediately after the laser shot, attributable to the  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  transition of its *Z*-isomer (Figure 1C). On the other hand, only the bleaching of the  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  of the *E*-isomer can be observed in **3a**. TD-DFT UV/Vis absorption simulations of the most stable *Z*- isomers of **3a,b** allowed us to conclude that the geometry of **Z-3b** is causing the  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  transition to be more symmetry-allowed than the one in **Z-3a** (*cf.* Section A.I.2.4. in the Appendix).

Moving from apolar to polar-aprotic solvents in **3a** led to  $\tau$  shifting from the millisecond to the second range (Entries 1-5, 12-13, Table 1). This trend becomes less discernible with **Z-3b**, which only in dioxane has a  $\tau > 1$  s (entry 2, Table 1). In **3a,b** it seems that the increased speed of the thermal *Z*-to-*E* relaxation goes hand in hand with the proton-availability (compare entries 7 and 13 for **Z-3a**). A striking example is **3a** in mixtures of MeOH or DMSO with water. While the addition of water in methanol does not drastically modify the lifetime (*cf.* Table 1, entry 7, 9, 10 for **Z-3a**), the increased protic environment in aprotic DMSO lowers  $\tau$  from seconds to microseconds (*cf.* Table 1, entry 13-15). This allowed tuning the lifetime only by changing the water-content in DMSO. Similar observations can be made for **Z-3b**.



**Figure 1:** A: Thermal relaxation from the PSS ( $\tau=4.3$  s) of 3a in DMSO after irradiation with  $\lambda_{\text{irrad}}=400$  nm. B: Multiple isomerization cycles of 3a in DMSO (black bars: dark, blue bars: irradiation with  $\lambda_{\text{irrad}}=400$  nm; the observed wavelength corresponds to  $\lambda_{\text{obs}}=375$  nm) indicating a good fatigue resistance. C: Transient signal registered for 3b in DMSO. The disappearing of the  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  band belonging to Z-3b is accompanied by the restoration of  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  band of E-3b. D: Transient signal registered for 3b in a DMSO/water 1:2 mixture (detailed spectrometric data and kinetics in Section A.I.2.2.). The decay of the  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  band of Z-3b is followed by the formation of a hypsochromically shifted transient signal. Then, the  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  band of E-3b reappears.

Here, 1:1 mixtures of water and MeOH or DMSO afford lifetimes of 41.4  $\mu$ s or 32.1  $\mu$ s, respectively. Moreover, in a mixture of acidic water and DMSO, the relaxation time decreases to 2.2  $\mu$ s for Z-3a and even reaches the nano-second range (743 ns) for Z-3b (entry 16). A similar result was obtained for both 3a and 3b when DBU was used as additive (entry 17), suggesting a proton-transfer mechanism contributes to the speed of the thermal isomerization. Reaching the sub-microsecond scale is crucial for applications requiring real-time information transmission, and up to now, this goal was achieved in azobenzene cores only in one case by using phenolic push-pull systems.<sup>21</sup> The dependency on protic environment becomes more evident comparing the lifetimes of Z-3a in MeOH and MeOD, which show a significant kinetic isotope effect (entries 7 and 8 in Table 1). A KIE=5.5 indicates that a proton transfer is involved in the rate-determining step in this solvent.

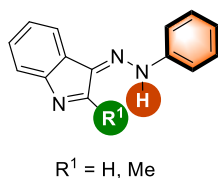
**Table 1. *Z*-to-*E* Isomerization Lifetimes for **3a**-c.**

Entry	Solvents <sup>a</sup>	Lifetime $\tau$		
		3a	3b	3c <sup>c</sup>
1	cyclohexane	42.5 ms <sup>b</sup>	116.8 ms <sup>b</sup>	1.1 h
2	dioxane	84.9 ms <sup>b</sup>	1.9 s <sup>c</sup>	17.6 h
3	mesitylene	12.3 ms <sup>b</sup>	3.3 ms <sup>b</sup>	1.13 d
4	benzene	78.5 ms <sup>b</sup>	167 ms <sup>b</sup>	6.0 min
5	toluene	47.5 ms <sup>b</sup>	60.2 ms <sup>b</sup>	17.1 min
6	aqueous toluene <sup>d</sup>		1.4 ms <sup>b</sup>	
7	MeOH	6.8 ms <sup>b</sup>	454 $\mu$ s (51%), 78 $\mu$ s (49%) <sup>e</sup>	2.4 h
8	MeOD	37.7 ms <sup>b</sup>		
9	MeOH water 9:1	14.8 ms <sup>b</sup>	41.9 $\mu$ s <sup>b</sup>	
10	MeOH water 1:1	2.9 ms <sup>b</sup>	41.4 $\mu$ s <sup>b</sup>	
11	MeOH <sup>f</sup>	4.7 ms <sup>b</sup>		
12	MeCN (dry)	4.3 s <sup>c</sup>	1.9 $\mu$ s <sup>b</sup>	1.2 d
13	DMSO (dry)	6.5 s <sup>c</sup>	1.3 ms <sup>b</sup>	2.6 d
14	DMSO water 9:1	266 $\mu$ s <sup>b</sup>	111.2 $\mu$ s <sup>b</sup>	
15	DMSO water 1:1	187.9 $\mu$ s <sup>b</sup>	32.1 $\mu$ s <sup>b</sup>	
16	DMSO - buffered water (pH = 4) <sup>f</sup> 1:1	2.2 $\mu$ s <sup>b</sup>	743 ns <sup>b</sup>	
17	DMSO water 1:1 + 25 mL DBU	31 ns	46 ns	

<sup>a</sup> The concentration was adjusted to 50  $\mu$ M for all the measurements. <sup>b</sup> Determined *via* nanosecond laser flash photolysis. <sup>c</sup> Determined *via* UV/Vis spectroscopy. <sup>d</sup> Toluene saturated with water (15  $\mu$ L of water were added to 2 mL of a 50  $\mu$ M solution of **3b** in toluene. The emulsion thus formed was sonicated for 1h.) <sup>e</sup> The decay is biexponential. In parentheses is shown the contribution of the single lifetimes to the whole decay. <sup>f</sup> Concentration of **3a** = 75  $\mu$ M<sup>g</sup> pH = 4.00  $\pm$  0.02 (20 °C) (Citric acid = 0.056 M; NaOH = 0.11 M; HCl = 0.044 M).

Increasing the concentration of **3a** in MeOH leads to faster isomerization kinetics (entry 11). In anhydrous toluene no concentration effect on  $\tau$  was found, see Table A2. The presence of an intermolecular interaction in **3a** can be followed by NMR (see Section A.I.2.6. in the Appendix). In contrast to the other experiments, **Z-3b** in methanol relaxes with a biexponential kinetic. This suggests, compared with the previous findings, that the presence of a protic environment modifies the mechanism of the dark reaction for **Z-3a** and **Z-3b**. Indeed, for the specific case of **3b** in MeOH, two mechanisms of thermal relaxation are in

competition (*cf.* entry 7 for **3b**). A detailed kinetic analysis of the thermal isomerization reaction is present in Section A.I.2.6. of the Appendix. In particular, both a dependency on concentration of the photoswitch and on water was found for the *N*-H containing photoswitch **3b**. The kinetic law that was derived is similar to the one obtained for the arylazoimidazoles, compounds that are supposed to isomerize through an intermolecular proton transfer leading to the formation of a hydrazone intermediate (Chart 1).<sup>17,26,32</sup>

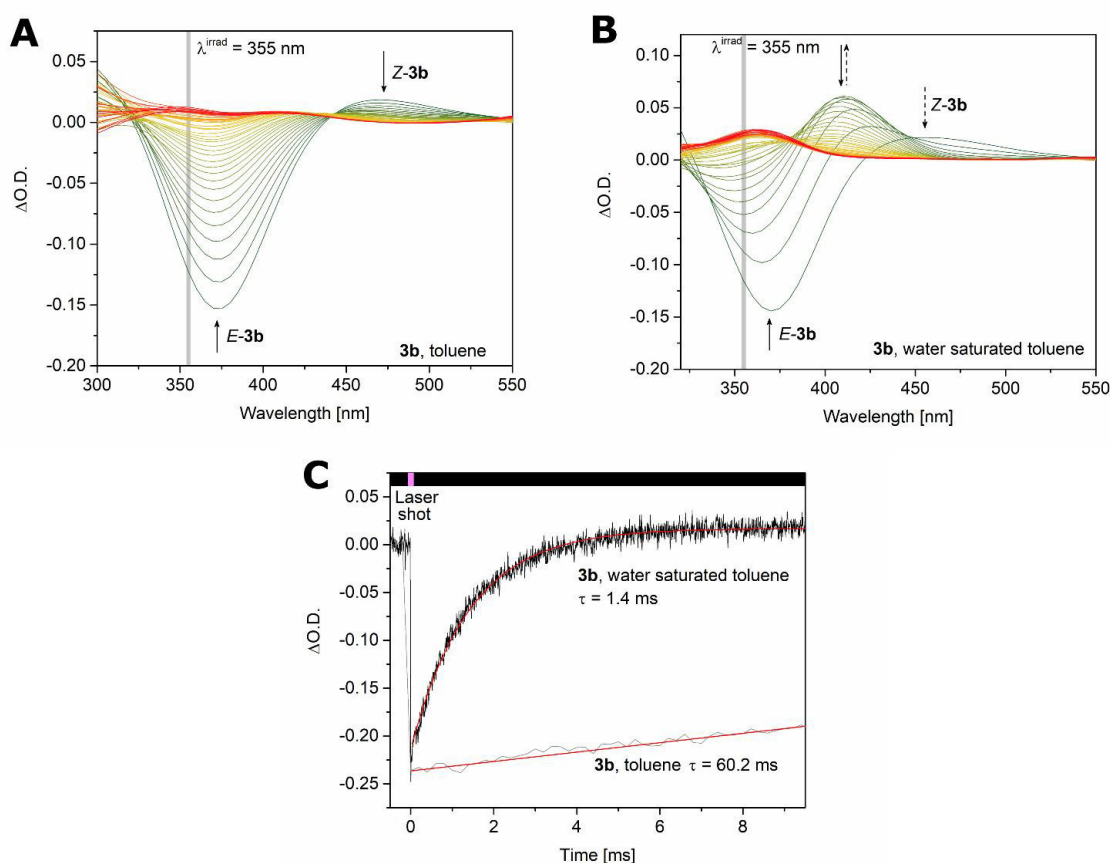


**Chart 1: Formula of the s-trans Hydrazone Tautomer of 3a,b.**

The water content dependency led to an interesting saturation kinetic, that is another evidence of a mechanism characterized by an intermolecular proton transfer that is mediated by the presence of protic medium (for more details, see Appendix).

Moreover, we observed notable differences in the transient spectra of **3a,b**. In the absence of protic media, the transient signal of the *Z*-isomer directly interconverts to the *E*-form (that exhibits an isosbestic point in **3b**, where the  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  absorption band of the *Z* form can be clearly discerned, see Figure 1C). However, in protic environment, the signal of **Z-3b** shifts hypsochromically, giving rise to a second band, which belongs to an intermediate of the *Z*-to-*E* thermal conversion that eventually collapses with the restoration of the *E*-isomer (*cf.* Figure 1D). In **3a** a new band arises at a similar wavelength of the comparable one in **3b**, before the **E-3a**  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  is restored).

To prove our theory and to generalize the effect of a protic medium on the isomerization reaction of **3a,b**, we saturated toluene with water (*cf.* Figure 2 and Table 1, entry 6 for **3b**). Consequently, the isomerization rate increased sixtyfold and a transient signal, similar to the intermediate signal observed above, appears. Furthermore, the importance of the *NH* moiety in the thermal *Z*-to-*E* relaxation was proven studying compound **3c**. Indeed, the methylation of the indole-nitrogen (in **3c**) causes significant changes of the relaxation properties with respect to the *N*-H containing derivatives (**3a,b**). Compound **3c** exhibits longer lifetimes (minutes to days, see Table 1) compared to **3a,b**. Moreover, in polar-aprotic solvents (DMSO and MeCN) as well as in mesitylene, **3c** shows  $\tau$  larger than one day. Owing to their stable photostationary state, we were able to determine the PSS population of **3c** in DMSO (Figure 3) and MeCN applying <sup>1</sup>H-NMR-spectroscopy (85:15 and 61:39 of *Z*:*E* ratio, respectively; see Section A.I.2.3. in the Appendix).



**Figure 2.** A: Thermal  $Z$ - $E$  isomerization of compound 3b in toluene. An isosbestic point can be observed, indicating the monomolecular decay of the  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  band of  $Z$ -3b in favor of the formation of the  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  of  $E$ -3b. B: The addition of water to toluene induces a change in the transient spectra. As like as in DMSO (cf. Figure 2D), a new species, blue-shifted compared to the  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  band of  $Z$ -3b, can be detected by laser flash photolysis. This intermediate contributes to the restoration of the  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  band of  $E$ -3b. C: Transient signal of the restoration of the  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  band of  $E$ -3b ( $\lambda^{obs} = 370$  nm) in toluene and water saturated toluene. A forced protic environment inside toluene increases the overall  $Z$ -to- $E$  isomerization rate.

However, to the best of our knowledge, spectroscopic observations similar to the ones we witnessed have not been made so far. Phenylazoindoles themselves are known to give rise to a hydrazone tautomerism.<sup>36</sup> Thus, we aimed to explain the involvement of an azo-hydrazone and why minimal modifications of the indolic core lead to a surprisingly wide span of thermal relaxation rates through a detailed computational study.

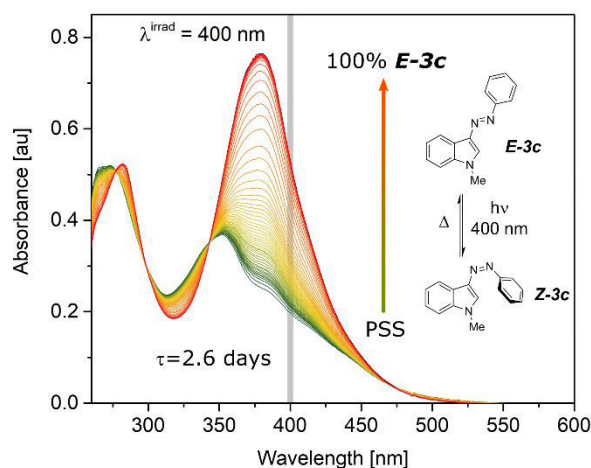
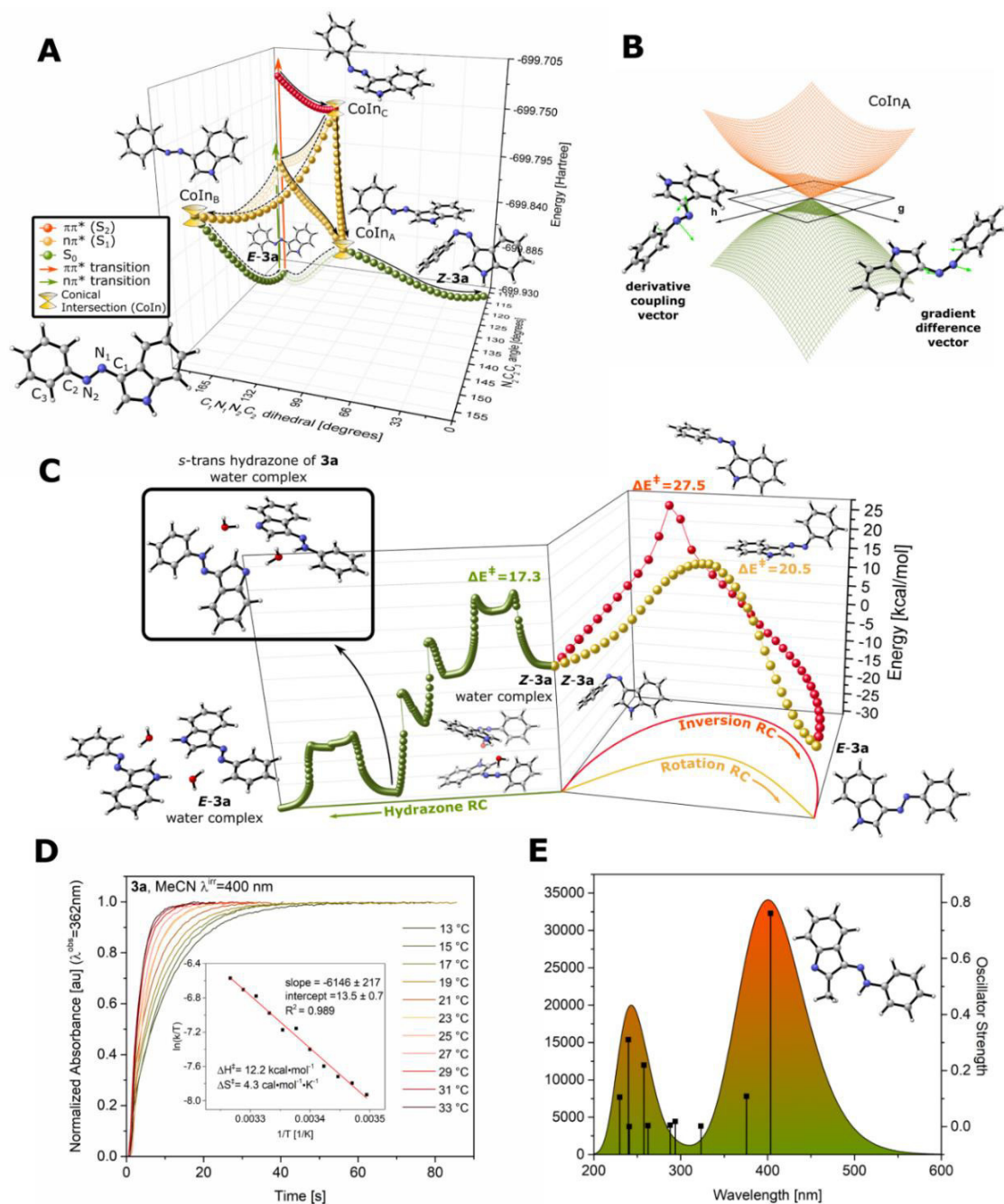


Figure 3. Thermal relaxation from the PSS (85:15 *Z:E* ratio,  $\tau=2.6$  d) of **3c** in DMSO after irradiation with  $\lambda_{\text{irrad}} = 400$  nm.

### I.2.2.3 Computational studies

To seek for similarities with the azobenzene core, we endeavored to analyze both the photochemical *E*-to-*Z* and thermal *Z*-to-*E* interconversion pathways. Representing the most general scaffold, **3a** was selected for the study. Hence, we performed an MS CASPT2/CASSCF calculation of the *E*-to-*Z* pathway, both from the first ( $S_1$ ,  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  in character; cf. Figure 4A) and the second excited state ( $S_2$ ,  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ ). The analysis of the molecular structure, its electronic distribution and the *g* and *h* vectors defining the branching space of the conical intersections (CoIns) (cf. Figure 4A and B), helped us to assign the photochemical decay pathways (a complete analysis of the CoIns is present in Section A.I.2.4. in the Appendix).<sup>37</sup> Similarly to azobenzene, population of the  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  singlet excited state leads to a rotational conical inter-section ( $S_0 \leftarrow S_1$ , CoInA), which generates the *Z*-isomer.<sup>14</sup>



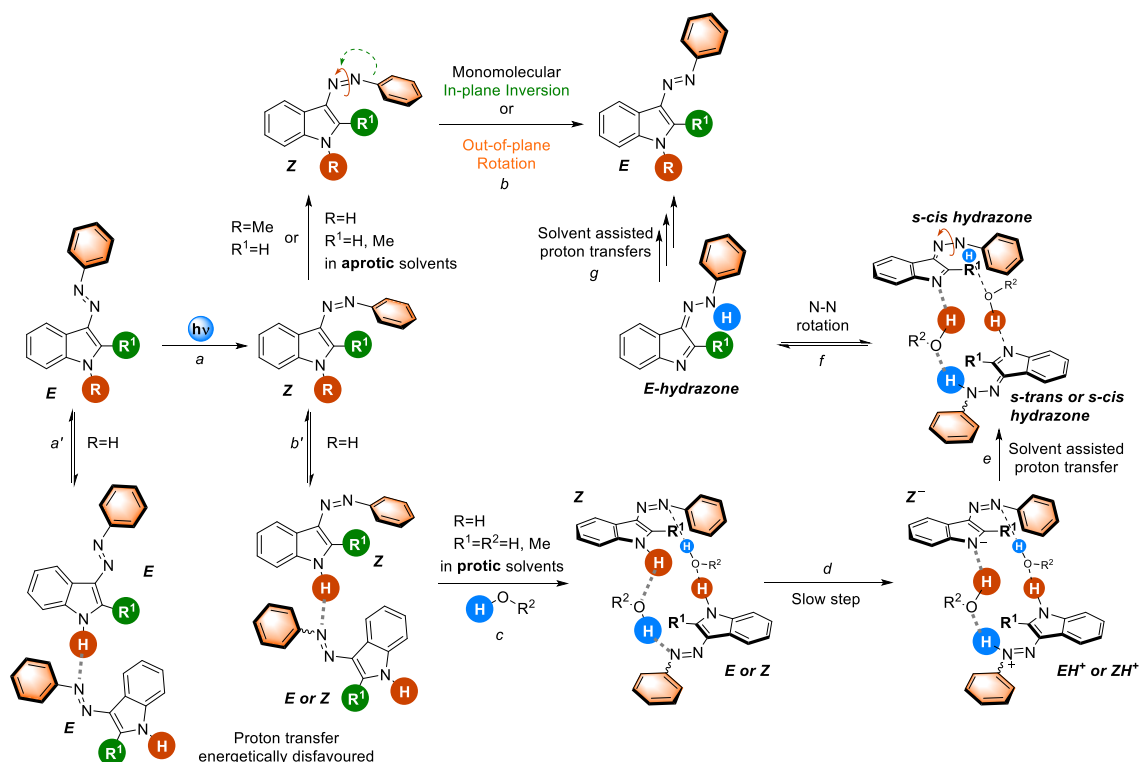


**Figure 4.** A: Photochemical *E*-to-*Z* isomerization pathways (CASSCF(10,8)/6-31G(d) level of theory), showing the different pathways 3a can cover after excitation to the first or second excited state. B: Branching space of Conical Intersection A (CoIn<sub>A</sub>) represented in figure A. The derivative coupling ( $g$ ) and gradient difference vectors ( $h$ , green), removing the degeneracy between the  $S_1$  and  $S_0$ , at which the conical intersection occurs. C: Thermal reaction coordinates (RC) restoring *E*-3a from *Z*-3a. In particular, the rotation, inversion and hydrazone formation mechanisms are compared. In the box, the spectroscopically detectable hydrazone of 3a is represented. D: Thermal relaxation kinetics of 3a in MeCN at different temperatures. The related Eyring-Polanyi plot is depicted in the inset. E: (TD)-PBE0/6-311+G(2d,p) simulated UV/Vis spectrum of the *s*-trans conformer of the azo-hydrazone of 3b in DMSO. In the inset, the optimized structure of the same species is shown.

This process is barrierless. Excitation to the S2 level is followed by a deactivation to S1 via a conical intersection topologically similar to the S0←S1 one (CoInC). The molecule has now enough potential energy either to go through CoInA relaxing to **Z-3a** or to funnel through another conical intersection to the sole **E-3a** isomer (CoInB). CoInB is only accessible in this way, because it is located energetically uphill compared to the Franck-Condon geometry of the S1.

In accordance with our experiments, the simulated photochemical behaviour of **3a**, and in general of phenylazindole cores, do not differ drastically compared to the parent azobenzene photoswitch.<sup>14</sup> In contrast, the thermal *Z*-to-*E* pathway was studied via broken symmetry (BS)-DFT taking into account three different mechanisms, *viz.* the inversion, the rotation (both of them typical of azobenzene)<sup>38</sup> and the intermolecular hydrazone-formation (with and without water assisting molecules). We found that the indole moiety lowers the rotational activation barrier with respect to the inversion in **3a-b** ( $\Delta E^\ddagger=20.3$  and  $30.7$  kcal/mol for the rotation and inversion mechanism, respectively, at the  $\omega$ B97XD/6-31G(d) level of theory; Figure 3C; comparable findings were recently reported on arylazindazoles<sup>33</sup>), while N-Me indole (**3c**) increases it ( $\Delta E^\ddagger=33.8$  and  $30.7$  kcal/mol for the rotation and inversion mechanism, respectively, at the  $\omega$ B97XD/6-31G(d) level of theory). That could be an explanation for the higher lifetimes encountered in aprotic solvents for **3c** compared to **3a** and **3b**, where other pathways, apart monomolecular relaxation, were not detected. The computed thermochemical values we have in hand ( $\Delta H^\ddagger=14$  kcal/mol at the (C-PCM)-B3LYP/6-31G(d) in MeCN) are comparable with the experimental Eyring-Polanyi plot obtained for **3a** in MeCN ( $\Delta H^\ddagger=12$  kcal/mol; Figure 4D)

Most interestingly, using DFT calculations we proved the participation of a hydrazone intermediate in a third relaxation pathway. We reasoned that the hydrazone formation in azoindoles is only feasible intermolecularly, due to the impossibility for the indolic proton to reach the azo group intramolecularly (see Scheme 2 for a schematic overview; Section A.I.2.4. in the Appendix).



**Scheme 2: Schematic, mechanistic overview of the various *Z*-to-*E* isomerization pathways in 3-phenylazoindoles.**

However, without the assistance of water (representing the simplest proton donor) the interaction of two molecules of **3a** is characterized by high energy barriers, which make this pathway not competitive with the previously analyzed monomolecular thermal isomerizations. On the other hand, two explicit molecules of water bridging two *Z*-conformers of **3a** lower the energetical barriers for the hydrazone formation, thus explaining the increase of rate observed with protic solvents in *N*-H containing azoindoles (Section A.I.2.6. in the Appendix). We propose the following mechanism. The first step involves a water-mediated proton transfer from the indole nitrogen of one molecule of **Z-3a** onto the azo-moiety of the second one ( $\beta$ -nitrogen atom with respect to the indole, see Figure 4C, path *c* in Scheme 2). The barrier for the formation of this complex is only 17.3 kcal/mol due to the stabilizing action of the water molecules. The ensuing generation of the two *s*-cis hydrazones is defined by a low activation energy ( $\Delta E^\ddagger=3.5$  kcal/mol) and results to be slightly exothermal (ca. 1 kcal/mol). After the rotation around the newly formed N-N-single bonds (characterized by ( $\Delta E^\ddagger= 8.6$  and 10.2 kcal/mol), the *s*-trans hydrazone dimer is formed, which is located inside a potential well (ca. 30 kcal/mol more stable than the initial water-bridged **Z-3a** dimer; see figure 4C and path *f* in Scheme 2). Due to this fact, the transient signal of the intermediate present in protic media can be assigned to the *s*-trans hydrazone

(compare Figure 4E, showing the simulated TD-DFT UV/Vis spectra of the azohydrazone of **3b** with the experimentally observed band, figure 2D).

Then, the system undergoes two consecutive water-mediated proton-transfers leading to the *E*-isomer of **3a** (path *g* in Scheme 2). The hydrazone pathway possesses a slightly lower activation energy in protic media than the rotation or the inversion ones. This explains the surprisingly fast isomerization kinetics found with increased proton availability of the medium for **3a,b**. With this mechanism in hand, we also expect **3a** and **3b** to be able to switch faster at higher concentrations, nicely explaining the concentration-dependent behavior we found in our experiments (entry 11, Table 1; Section A.I.2.6. in Appendix). Moreover, the competition between the hydrazone and the rotation pathway can be recognized for **3b** in MeOH for its biexponential decay. In contrast, due to its methylated nitrogen atom, the azo-hydrazone formation is precluded to **3c**.

### I.2.3 Conclusion

In summary, the photochromic properties of phenylazaindoles have been investigated for the first time. We synthesized compounds **3a-c** representing three very basic derivatives of this class of azo dyes. All compounds photo-isomerize applying light of 355, 365 and 400 nm wavelength. Thereby, *N*-methylated **3c** showed the typical behaviour of an azobenzene ( $\tau$  between several minutes to two days). In contrast to these findings, *N*-H azaindoles exhibit shorter lifetimes, strongly dependent on the protic character of the solvent. We took further advantage of this relationship and tuned the reaction kinetics, increasing the proton content of the solvents. Best results were obtained in mixtures of DMSO and water (1:1) using DBU as an additive, giving rise to lifetimes between 33.9 and 46 ns for **3a** or **3b**, respectively. The surprisingly short lifetimes are explained by a thorough mechanistic study, assuming the intermolecular formation of a hydrazone. Such a mechanism was studied in detail for the first time, spectroscopically, kinetically and computationally. Compared to the canonical inversion and rotation pathways, this conversion is energetically favored in protic media. Thus, faster *Z*-to-*E* relaxation rates can be achieved for **3a,b** in contrast to **3c**. Hence, only slight changes of the substituent position or the solvent composition can drastically tune the properties of phenylazaindoles. Such extremely versatile properties render this core structure a suitable candidate for the wide range of applications of photoswitches.

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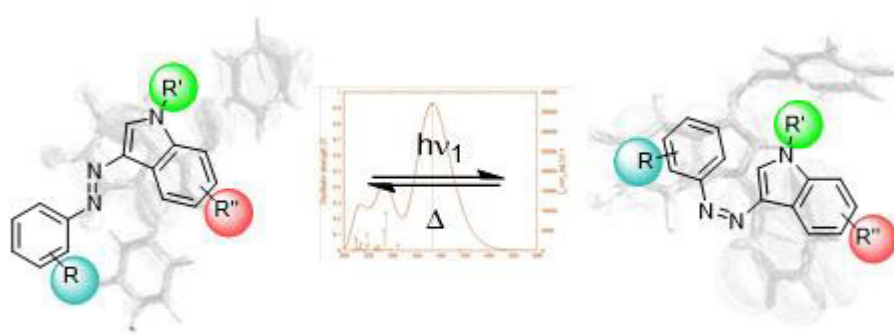
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### I.3 Substituent Effects on 3-Phenylazoindole Photoswitches

#### Abstract:

The development and investigation of heteroazo switches flourished in recent years. Due to their specific photophysical and photochemical properties, they find versatile applications from material science to medicine. However, a deep mechanistic understanding is needed to be able to predict the properties of such azoswitches. Especially, the effect of different substituents on the chromophore and its characteristics is of great interest as they are often crucial to imbed the molecular switch into a system of interest. Herein, we provide a detailed spectroscopic and computational study on the influence of substituents on 3-phenylazoindoles. We will point out changes in absorption properties and analyze the photo stationary state of the thermally labile Z-isomers through computational means providing a general structure-property relationship guideline for further use of these compounds.



#### Author contributions

Nadja Simeth synthesized all compounds, characterized them, performed online UV-Vis experiments, optimized the structures using DFT, calculated TD-DFT and wrote the manuscript. Alfredo Bellisario and Stefano Crespi did the computational analysis of the PSS and coded the Math Lab based program. Stefano Crespi supervised the computational work. Maurizio Fagnoni and Burkhard König supervised the overall project.

### I.3.1 Introduction

Photochromic compounds received a remarkably rising interest in the last two decades.<sup>1-3</sup> They found various applications as *e.g.* molecular memory and logic devices,<sup>4-6</sup> light-gated chemical reactions,<sup>7, 8</sup> molecular material science,<sup>9, 10</sup> drug delivery,<sup>11, 12</sup> modulation of biological function,<sup>13, 14</sup> and control of cell death.<sup>15, 16</sup> Molecular photoswitching is based on bi-stable systems interconverting between two distinct isomeric forms by application of light as an external stimulus.<sup>17</sup> Particularly, azobenzenes are popular photochromic systems due to their large geometrical changes upon isomerization,<sup>18, 19</sup> their synthetic accessibility,<sup>20, 21</sup> their high fatigue resistance,<sup>18, 19</sup> and the tunability of their photo-physical properties.<sup>22-25</sup> Upon irradiation, they interconvert from a thermodynamically stable *E*- to a meta-stable *Z*-isomer. The reaction is reversible and *Z*-to-*E* isomerization can be triggered through irradiation with light of longer wavelength or thermally. To tune the properties of azobenzenes, the scaffold needs to be decorated with suitable substituents. For instance, tetra-*ortho*-fluoro-, tetra-*ortho*-methoxy- and tetra-*ortho*-chloro-azobenzenes led to red-shifted absorption properties.<sup>22, 26-28</sup> Moreover, *ortho*-fluoro and *ortho*-thioether substituents result in azo dyes with thermally relatively stable *Z*-isomers, whereas azo-push-pull system led to short lifetimes of the *Z*-isomer.<sup>29-31</sup> In contrast, scaffold hopping approaches leading to *e.g.* heterocyclic aromatic systems were rarely considered to alter the properties of azo dyes. Only in very recent years, an increasing number of studies have focused on this aspect to broaden the selection of azo switches available to the chemist. For instance, nitrogen based heteroaryls like pyridine,<sup>32</sup> imidazole,<sup>33</sup> pyrazole,<sup>34</sup> purine<sup>35</sup> and very recently, the indole scaffold<sup>36</sup> have been employed in arylazo switches.

We became interested in phenylazoindoles due to their highly tunable properties which are depending on the position of the azo-function and the solvent.<sup>36</sup> In particular, 5- and 6-phenyl azoindoles behave similarly to parent azobenzene, regarding their spectroscopic properties and the lifetimes ( $\tau$ ) of the *Z*-isomer. In contrast, the spectrum of 2-phenylazoindole is bathochromically shifted and the *Z*-isomer of the compound exhibits extremely short thermal lifetimes (<10 ns) due to the rotation transition state characterized by low barriers. 3-Phenylazoindoles are the most tunable scaffold of the series. Depending on the substituent on the indole nitrogen (NH or NMe) and the character of the solvent, the thermal lifetimes are varying from the nanosecond range to days.<sup>36</sup>

To fully understand the characteristics of azo switches like phenylazoindoles, computational approaches, especially such as time-dependent density functional theory (TD-DFT), have been shown to provide reliable predictions of both transition energies and oscillator

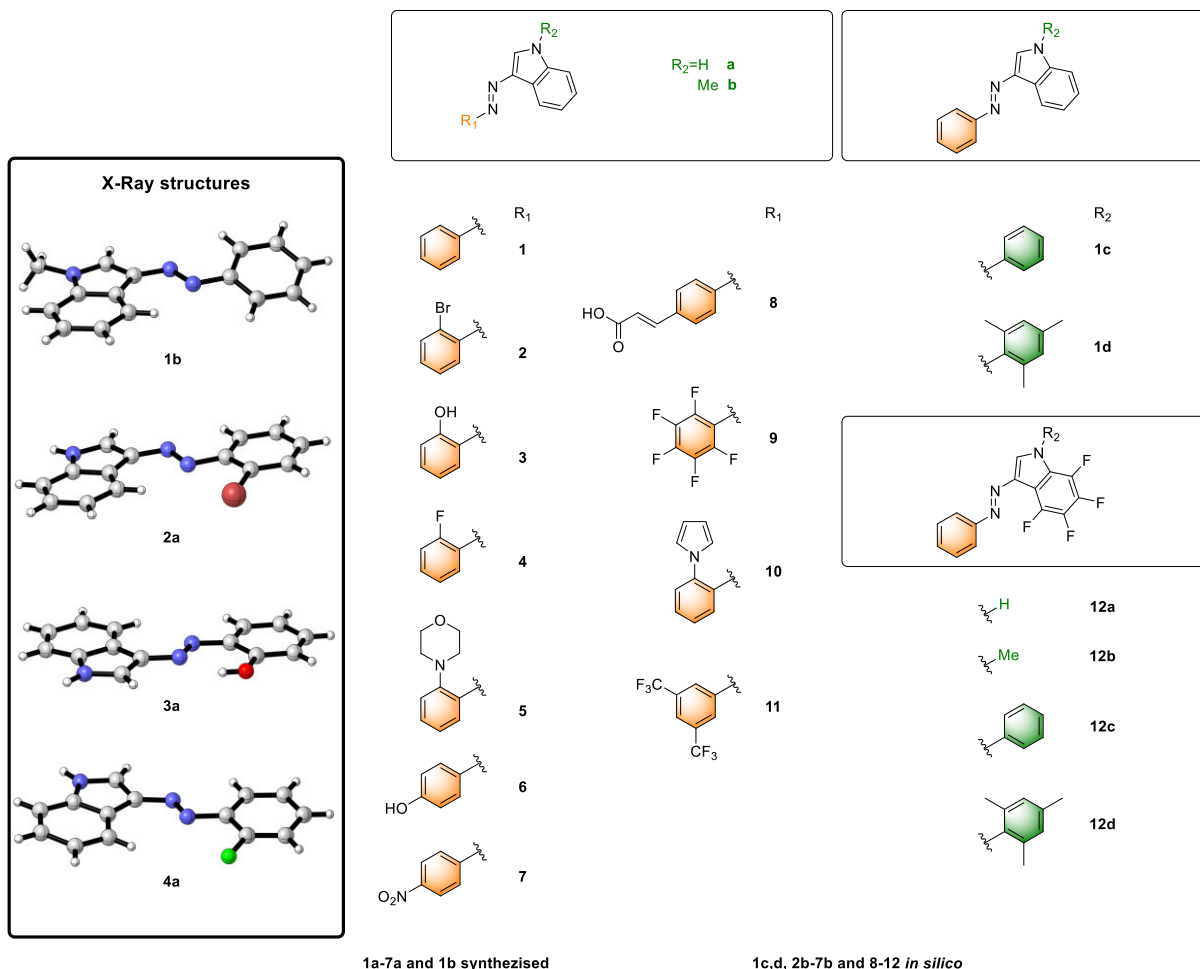
strengths ( $f$ ). As those determine the electronic transitions, TD-DFT can be applied to simulate absorption spectra of the compounds of interest.<sup>37, 38</sup> Furthermore, the calculated transitions can be used to assign the nature of the transition type, which eventually can lead to a better understanding of the events taking place.<sup>39</sup> However, the availability of methods is broad and the applicability varies between compound classes.<sup>40</sup> Especially, dealing with compounds that are light-responsive and interconvert between two structural isomers, each exhibiting unique spectral properties, the method applied has to meet the requirements of both photoisomers.

In this work, we will focus first on probing our system, validating the performance of different functionals and basis sets in the TD-DFT framework. Subsequently, we will apply the best conditions to simulate the UV/Vis spectra of a library of 28 molecules in toluene, DMSO and methanol. Thereby, we will focus on substituent effects on the phenyl moiety of 3-phenylazoindoles and also synthesize some of the compounds for comparison. In addition, we will vary the functionalization on the indole nitrogen and the benzo-moiety of the indole unit and provide a structure-property relationship analysis of the whole library. Finally, we will apply the methods to analyze the PSS contribution of both photoisomers, which cannot be assigned *via* classical analytical methods such as NMR or HPLC due to the fast *Z*-to-*E* isomerization kinetics.

## I.3.2 Results and Discussion

### I.3.2.1 Scope

Chart 1 depicts the molecules which were included in this study. Specifically, we focused on varying the substituents on the phenyl moiety of the azoindoles, changing their electron demand and considering more complex moieties like cinnamic acid (**8**), morpholine (**5**) or pyrrole (**10**) for potential photopharmacological application. In doing so, we aimed to obtain a clearer picture of the effect substituents have on the UV/Vis properties of the molecules. Furthermore, we modified the substituent on the indole NH from -H (**1a–11a**) to -Me (**1b–11b**), -Ph (**1c**) and the sterically more demanding Ms (**1d**). We also investigated how perfluorination of the benzo moiety of the indole would alter the structure's characteristics (**12a–d**). Having the experimental data of **1a** and **1b** in hand,<sup>36</sup> we synthesized compounds **2a–7a** analogously to our previous work (for details see Appendix, Section A.I.3.1.).<sup>36</sup> During the preparation, X-Ray structures of **1b**, **2a**, **3a** and **4a** could be obtained. Moreover, we investigated the compounds **2a–7a** regarding their photochromic properties (*vide infra*).



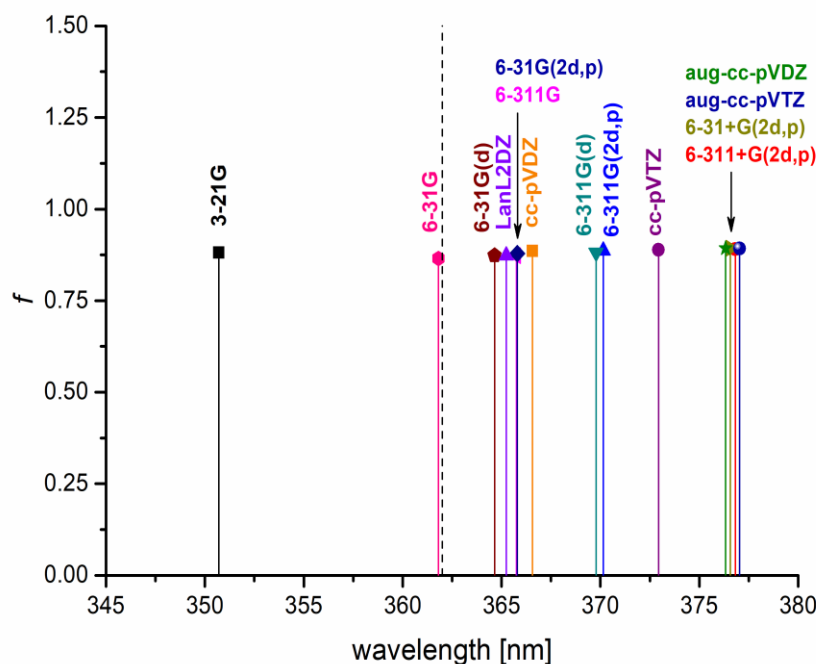
**Chart 1: Scope of the computed molecules.**

### I.3.2.2 Benchmark Study

The computational investigation was carried out using Gaussian 09, Revision D.01 and Gaussian 16, Revision A.03 software packages. Due to the high number of structures involved, we decided to preliminarily screen the most stable conformer of each molecule in its *E*- and *Z*-configuration employing the B3LYP/3-21G level of theory (see A.I.3.6. for further details). Albeit the choice of such an old basis set should be seen merely as qualitative, it still provides decent results for a rough glimpse on the behavior of the conformers of the molecule of interest, with the advantage to be very inexpensive from a computational point of view (see the time benchmark in Section A.I.3.7.). The energetically most stable *E*- and *Z*-isomers were further optimized using the B3LYP/6-311+G(2d, p) approach and confirmed to be minima *via* the absence of imaginary normal modes of vibrations. The aforementioned level of theory is well documented in the literature for its reliability to predict the geometries of photoswitchable compounds.<sup>41</sup>

We decided to evaluate a wide variety of basis sets and functionals at the TD-DFT level of theory, in order to provide full insight in the simulation of the electronic spectra of this class

of azo switches. Single point calculations up to the first 25 singlet state were deemed to be sufficient in order to fully define the absorption spectra down to 200 nm. Thus, the UV/Vis spectrum of the *E*-isomer of **1a**, namely **E-1a**, (Figure 1 and 2) was chosen as reference model for our benchmark studies and compared with the one experimentally obtained in toluene (Figure 1 and 2). Consequently, solvent effects were taken into account applying the conductor-like polarizable continuum model (C-PCM,  $\epsilon=2.379$  for toluene).<sup>42</sup>

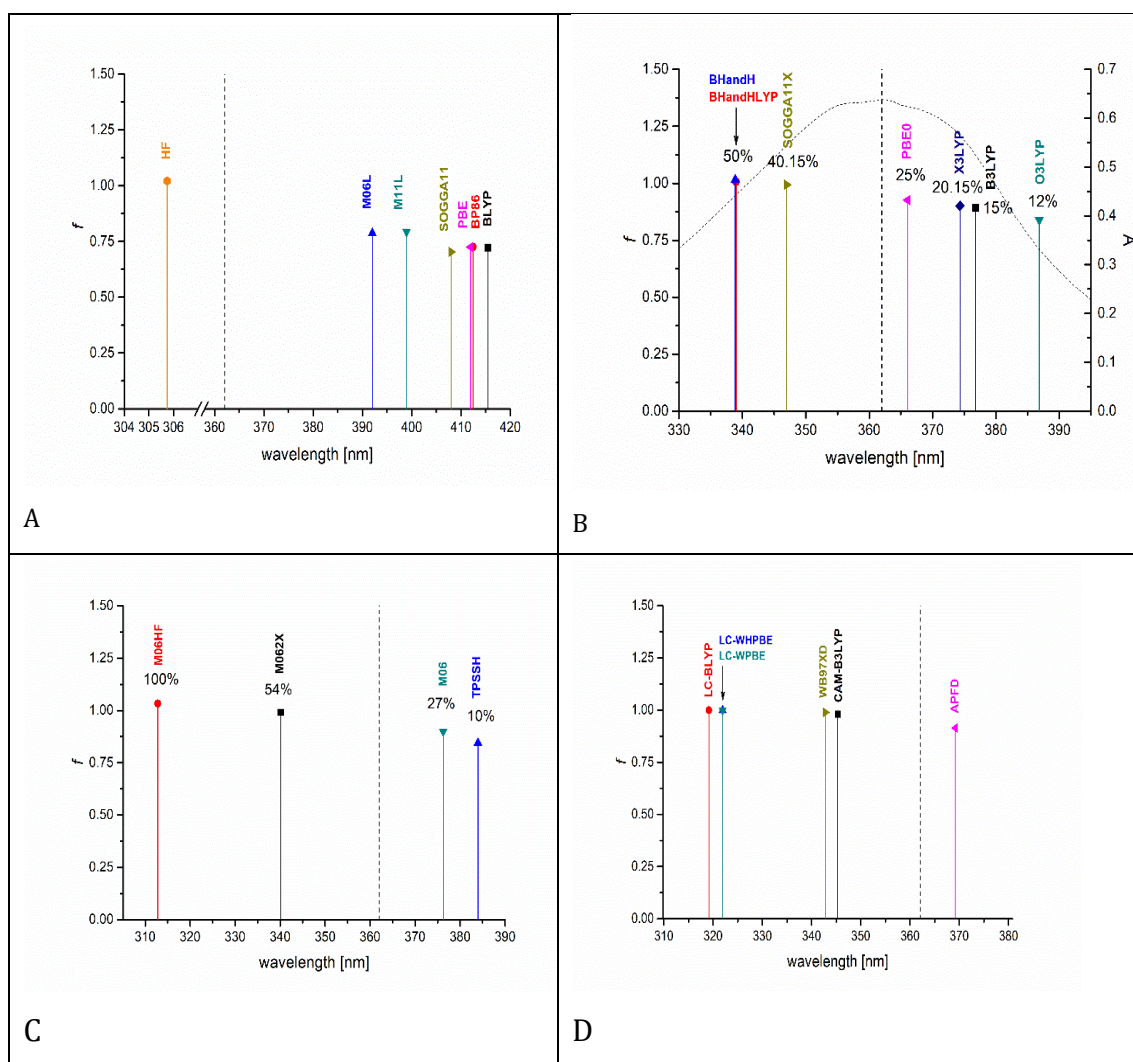


**Figure 1:** Basis set effect on the calculated electronic transitions (TD-B3LYP, 25 states, toluene bulk) of *E*-1a. The second transition, corresponding to the most prominent absorption band around 362 nm, is shown together with the experimental maximum obtained from the UV/Vis spectrum of *E*-1a in toluene at its thermal equilibrium (dashed line).

First tests were performed using the B3LYP functional and a different collection of basis sets. The basis set quality was found to influence the position of the main allowed transition in the TD-DFT spectra, while the value of the oscillator strength remains almost the same (see Figure 1 and Table A37 in the A.I.3.6). In particular, 3-21G overestimated the maximum by 12 nm (see Table A37). A basis set that includes the electron core potential (ECP) like LANL2DZ let the predicted absorption to deviate only 3 nm from the experiment.<sup>43</sup> Increasing the number of primitives in the contracted core function (see for example 6-31G basis set compared to 3-21G) induces a red-shift in the position of the maximum, as like as varying from a double  $\zeta$  to a triple  $\zeta$  basis (compare 6-311G with 6-31G, or cc-pVTZ and cc-pVDZ). Moreover, the addition of polarized functions transposes the transition to higher

wavelength, both in Pople's and Dunning's basis sets. Interestingly, the inclusion of a diffuse function in all the examined cases gives almost the same predicted wavelength (*ca.* 377 nm), differing about 15 nm from the experimental maximum). It is known, however, that B3LYP underestimates the transition energies with an error around 0.1-0.2 eV (*ca.* 10-20 nm).<sup>40</sup> Accordingly, we decided to test the functionals with the triple  $\zeta$  6-311+G(2d,p) basis set, that affords pertinent results for TD-DFT calculations<sup>40</sup> to a minor computational cost (see Table A37 in A.I.3.7.), considering the analogue basis aug-cc-pVTZ, herein tested.

The pure functionals based on the generalized gradient approximation (both GGA and meta-GGA, see Figure 2A and Table A38 in A.I.3.7.) have the tendency to broadly underestimate the lower allowed transition, locating the absorption between 390 and 420 nm. Moreover, they predict a lower probability compared to the other functionals examined (see Figure 3). This behavior is well known in the exact-exchange free functionals.<sup>40</sup> Conversely, using the Hartree-Fock method (HF, Figure 2A) results in higher transition energy (*ca.* 305 nm *vs* 362 nm of the experimental value) and higher oscillator strength, ensuing the necessity to include in a certain degree the HF exchange, as implemented by the hybrid and meta-hybrid functionals. As expected, in both cases (see Figure 2B for the hybrid functionals and 2C for the meta-hybrid) the position and intensity of the absorption can be directly related to the amount of Hartree Fock exchange present in the functional. In particular, the higher the percentage of HF exchange energy, the higher the computed values of absorption maximum and *f*. An exemplary case is furnished by the hybrids BHandH and BHandHLYP (Figure 2B) that possess the same value of HF exchange (*viz.* 50%<sup>40</sup>) and remarkably predict similar values in wavelength and oscillator strengths (*ca.* 339 nm with *f* = 1.0). From the results, it appeared that a Fock-exchange mixing parameter of 25 % as afforded by PBE0 was appropriate to describe in an accurate and precise way the main transition in the *E*-isomer of the phenylazoindoles, using the 6-311+G(2d,p) basis set. Even though range-separated functionals have the tendency to well behave in the simulation of UV/Vis spectra, in our particular case they tend to overshoot the lower transition energies (Figure 2D).<sup>44</sup> The absence of a marked charge-transfer (CT) or Rydberg lower excited state could be the reason for this caveat.<sup>40</sup>



**Figure 2:** First allowed electronic transition of *E*-1a (6-311+G(2d,p) basis set, toluene bulk) using different functionals belonging to the following families: A: pure HF or GGA and meta-GGA. B: hybrid, over every transition the percentage of Hartree-Fock exchange is explicated. C: meta-hybrid, over every transition the percentage of Hartree-Fock exchange is explicated. D: range-separated and diffusion corrected.

### I.3.2.3 Spectroscopic Analysis

#### I.3.2.3.1 UV-Vis Spectra

The synthesized compounds **1a-7a** and **1b** were investigated regarding their electronic properties using UV-Vis spectroscopy (the data of compounds **1a** and **1b** were taken from our previous study).<sup>36</sup> The results are summarized in Table 1 (for a wider range of solvents, see Table A1 in the Section A.I.3.3.). Additionally, the spectra of all compounds included in this study were simulated using (C-PCM)<sup>42</sup>-TD-PBE0/6-311+G(2d,p) as a single-point over the first 25 states (Table 1 for compounds **1a-7a** and **1b**, further data see A.I.3.3., Table A1).

**Table 1: Overview of experimental and calculated maxima of the different synthesized compounds in Toluene, DMSO and MeOH and their PSS ratio determined through computational analysis (Values for 1a and 1b were taken from Ref. 36).**

Compound	Solvent <sup>a</sup>	$\lambda_{\max}$ [nm] PBE0	$\lambda_{\max}$ [nm]	$\epsilon_{\lambda_{\max}}$	$\tau^b$	PSS <sup>j</sup> [Z-E] (calc.)
<b>1a</b>	Toluene <sup>a</sup>	366	362	15151	47.5 ms	
	DMSO <sup>a</sup>	368	372	16447	6.5 s	
	MeOH <sup>a</sup>	366	365	14716	6.8 ms	
<b>1b</b>	Toluene <sup>a</sup>	373	366	14134	17.1 min	85-15
	DMSO <sup>a</sup>	376	380	15964	2.6 d	
	MeOH <sup>a</sup>	373	369	14338	2.4 h	
<b>2a</b>	Toluene <sup>b</sup>	379	373	13956	51.4 s	94-6
	DMSO <sup>b</sup>	380	388	13248	1.41 s	19-81
	MeOH <sup>b</sup>	378	377	13582	13.1 ms	28-72
<b>3a</b>	Toluene <sup>c</sup>	382	385	13890	12.1 ms	35-65
	DMSO <sup>c</sup>	384	389	15151	18.4 ms	45-55
	MeOH <sup>c</sup>	382	384	15556	7.76 ms	6-94
<b>4a</b>	Toluene <sup>a</sup>	375	367	14148	136 s	90-10
	DMSO <sup>a</sup>	376	379	15592	1.02 s	19-81
	MeOH <sup>a</sup>	374	371	15552	9 ms	6-81
<b>5a</b>	Toluene <sup>a</sup>	340 (412)	347 (388)	11018	1.49 ms	9-91
	DMSO <sup>a</sup>	341, 411	394	17192	--	57-43
	MeOH <sup>a</sup>	340, 410	384	16820	--	9-91
<b>6a</b>	Toluene <sup>e</sup>	373	373	10710	10.2 s	87-13
	DMSO <sup>e</sup>	375	380	12450	5.74 s	86-14
	MeOH <sup>e</sup>	373	374	13752	--	7-93
<b>7a</b>	Toluene <sup>f</sup>	427	399	11593	121 s	94-6
	DMSO <sup>f</sup>	442	422	14723	reaction	5-95
	MeOH <sup>f</sup>	438	407	15977	94.4 s	16-84

<sup>a</sup>Concentration was 50  $\mu$ M. <sup>b</sup>Concentration was 100  $\mu$ M. <sup>c</sup>Concentration was 100  $\mu$ M.

<sup>d</sup>Concentration was 20  $\mu$ M. <sup>e</sup>Concentration was 40  $\mu$ M. <sup>f</sup>Concentration was 30  $\mu$ M.

<sup>g</sup>Concentration was 15  $\mu$ M. <sup>h</sup>Lifetimes <1s were determined using Laser-Flash Photolysis, other values using UV/Vis spectroscopy <sup>i</sup>Using the method as presented in section A.I.3.9.



Firstly, we compared the simulations with the experimental spectra. In particular,  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  of the main transition band of the synthesized compounds, which can be attributed to the  $\pi\pi^*$  transition of the *E*-isomer (in accordance with previous reports), was compared with the main transition ( $f > 0.8$ ) in TD-DFT, the second excited state transition (as the first one, the  $n\pi^*$ , is formally forbidden ( $f = 0$ )). All compounds show a main transition band between 350 nm and 422 nm in the experiment. The calculations tend to underestimate the transition energy of **1a-6a** by 3–6 nm in toluene, while by 4–8 nm in DMSO. MeOH is more precise and the deviation found is mainly around 1–4 nm. The only negative performance was given with **7a**. The presence of the nitro chromophore makes the calculation overestimate the wavelength at which the main band will appear. However, the functional and basis sets describe robustly the electronic properties of **1a-7a** in solution. Indeed, they are not only able to distinguish the nature of the transition (either  $n\pi^*$  or  $\pi\pi^*$ ) but, in the majority of the cases, they are extremely close to the experimentally obtained values and trends shown comparing different substituents. Hence, the 'TD-DFT' simulations can be used to also analyze compounds, which were only part of the *in silico*-study.

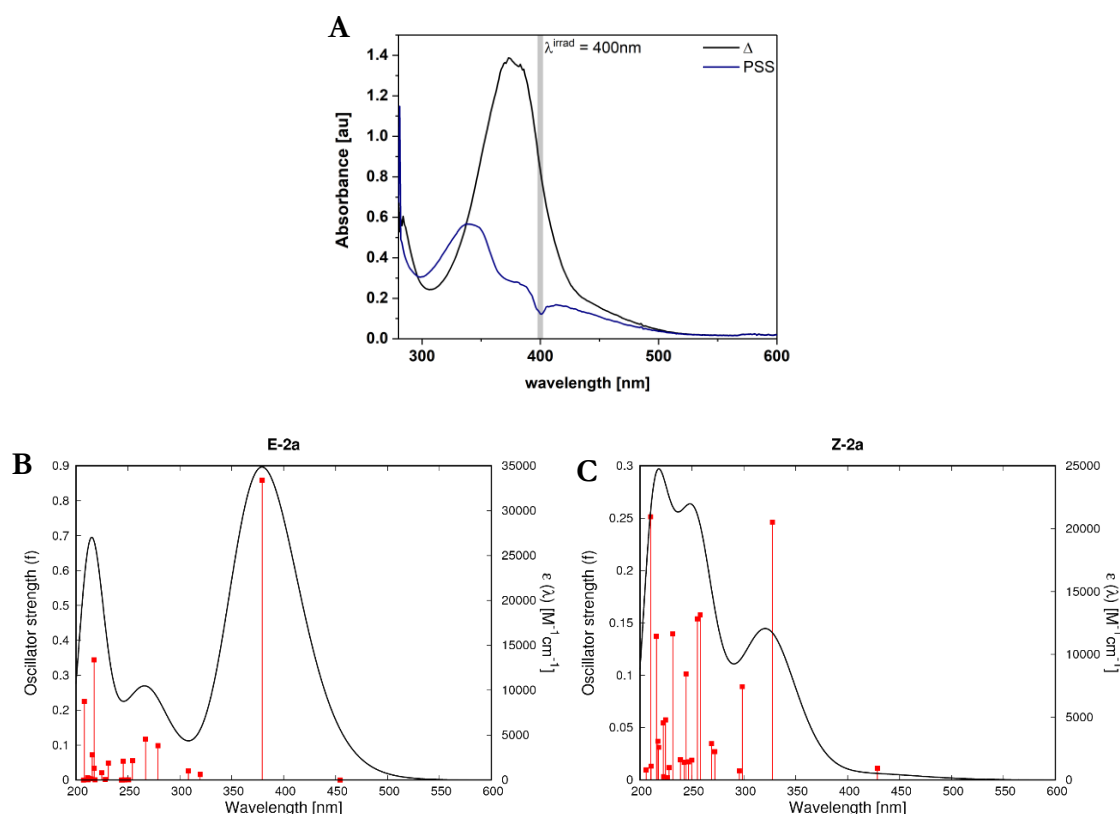
Aside from per-fluoro phenylazaindole **E-9a**, which shows hardly any difference compared to the parent **E-1a**, substituents on the phenyl moiety of the switch have a bathochromic effect on the main electronic transition (ca. 10–20 nm red-shifted). The shift is especially well pronounced in the spectra of **E-5**, **E-7** and **E-10**, which can be reasoned through the presence of either an extended  $\pi$ -conjugation (lone pair of the amino group of the *ortho*-morpholino substituent in **E-5** or interaction of the aromatic *ortho*-pyrrole substituent in **E-8**) or a push-pull-azo system (*para*-nitro substituent in **E-7**). Moreover, compounds **E-5** and **E-10** are not only red-shifted, but also exhibit a broadening of the main absorption band, as more electronic transitions become formally allowed in the visible region of the spectrum.

Having **E-5a** already in hand we wanted to also synthesize **E-10a**. However, the *ortho*-pyrrole moiety only led to internal trapping of the diazonium salt formed during the reaction (details as well as characterization of the isolated compounds see Section A.I.3.1.).

Methylation of the indole's NH moiety leads to a slight red-shift of the spectrum (ca. 10–20 nm). This is strongly pronounced for azaindoles **E-8** and **E-10** (> 30 nm). Also, introduction of a phenyl- or a mesityl-group on the indole nitrogen leads in most of the examples to a red-shift of the spectrum, which is particularly prominent comparing **E-1a** and **E-1c** (ca. 50 nm). In contrast, perfluorination of the benzo moiety of the bicycle induces a blue-shift (ca. 5–50 nm) in the spectra.

### I.3.2.3.2 *E-to-Z Isomerization, Thermal Lifetimes and PSS Analysis*

Upon irradiation with light of an appropriate wavelength (355 nm YAG laser or 400 nm LED) the azoindole switches undergo a photochemical *E-to-Z* isomerization, which can be followed spectroscopically by the decrease of the  $\pi\pi^*$  transition band of the *E*-isomer. Removal of the light-source leads to a quick recovery of the *E*-isomer characterized by the lifetime ( $\tau$ ) of the *Z*-isomer. The lifetimes of the eight synthesized compounds were determined through UV-Vis spectroscopy or laser-flash photolysis and were in the range of milliseconds to seconds for NH phenylazoindoles (only the parent compound **1a** studied previously in more detail showed faster isomerization kinetics<sup>36</sup>) and up to 2.6 d in *N*-methylated **1b**.<sup>36</sup> Probing the compounds' mechanism using protic and non-protic environment, we found that also some substituted 3-phenylazoindoles are able to relax *via* a hydrazone-intermediate already spotted in **1a** in the presence of protic environment (*cf.* Table 1 and Table A1 in A.I.3.3.).<sup>36</sup>



**Figure 3:** A: **2a** in toluene at  $\Delta$  (black line) and the PSS (blue line). B: Calculated spectrum of *E*-**2a** and C: of *Z*-**2a** in toluene (as C-PCM) using TD-PBE0/6-311+G(2d,p).

Figure 3A exemplarily depicts the spectrum of **2a** in toluene at the thermodynamic equilibrium (black line, mainly *E*-isomer) and their photo stationary state (PSS, blue line)

containing the maximum amount of Z-isomer that can be generated through irradiation at the present conditions (for further spectra see Section A.I.3.3.). Due to the fast, thermal Z-to-E isomerization of the compounds, the photo stationary state (PSS) distribution could not be assigned using classical means like NMR or HPLC analysis. Recently, the group of Fuchter reported a method calculating the PSS of thermally labile heteroaryl azo switches by calculating the spectrum of the pure Z-isomer from UV-Vis studies.<sup>45</sup> However, having a benchmark-proven *in silico* method in hand, we decided to obtain the value of the PSS comparing the spectroscopically obtained one with a simulated one generated by mixing the computed spectra of the pure E- and Z-isomers (pure spectra of **E-2a** and **Z-2a** can be found in Figure 3B and 3C, more details and further spectra see A.I.3.3.). Comparing the computed PSS of the thermally stable photoswitch **1b** in DMSO with the experimentally determined one by NMR,<sup>36</sup> we attributed the share of the Z-isomer to be 85% with both the methods. Proven the method to be significantly accurate we consequently used the same method to analyze the PSS compositions of the thermally more labile compounds. The results can be found in Table 1. Additionally, we were able to automatize this procedure developing a Matlab based code (further details see Section A.I.3.8.). Hence, the method is viable enough to be easily extended to other azo switches and photoswitchable scaffolds in general.

### I.3.3 Conclusion

In summary, we performed a computational benchmark study to explore the effects of different basis sets and functionals on the calculated transition energies using the parent compound **1a** as a model. We found that PBE0/6-311+G(2d,p) gave best results with the CPCM-TD-DFT single point calculations and hence, we applied it to simulate the UV/Vis spectra of a series of substituted 3-phenylazoindoles in various solvents. For comparison, several derivatives were additionally synthesized and characterized through UV/Vis spectroscopy regarding their photophysical and photochemical behavior. Both theoretically and experimentally obtained values were in good agreement. Combining the spectroscopic and the computed results we found that all compounds exhibit an ordinary profile of arylazo-compounds with a maximum between *ca.* 350- 420 nm. Thereby, the position of the transition band strongly depends on the solvent and the substituents. Indeed, functional groups, which induce an explicit push-pull-system or extended the  $\pi$ -system of the switch led to strongly, bathochromically shifted spectra. In contrast, perfluorination of the benzo-moiety of the indole induced a hypsochromic shift whereas sterical demand was less important for the transitions energies. Analyzing the thermal stability of the Z-isomers of the

synthesized compounds, we found that the majority of them relax in the millisecond-range. Moreover, the isomerization mechanism could be tuned from an out-of-plane rotational mechanism to a hydrazone-mediated one in polar-protic solvents similar to the parent **1a**. As the fast isomerization kinetics made it impossible to determine the PSS using established methods like NMR or HPLC analysis, we used the simulated spectra of *E*- and *Z*-isomers at different ratios to compare the experimentally obtained spectra at the PSS with the simulated ones. In this manner, we were able to assign the share of the thermally labile *Z*-isomers at the PSS. Furthermore, we were able to automate the process and the method can be potentially extended to other photochromic scaffolds in future work. Together with the systematic analysis of photophysical and photochemical characteristics of the compounds our study may lead to both more rational design of novel scaffolds and better interpretation of the obtained data.

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## II. PHOTOCHROMIC REDOX COFACTORS

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# Chapter II

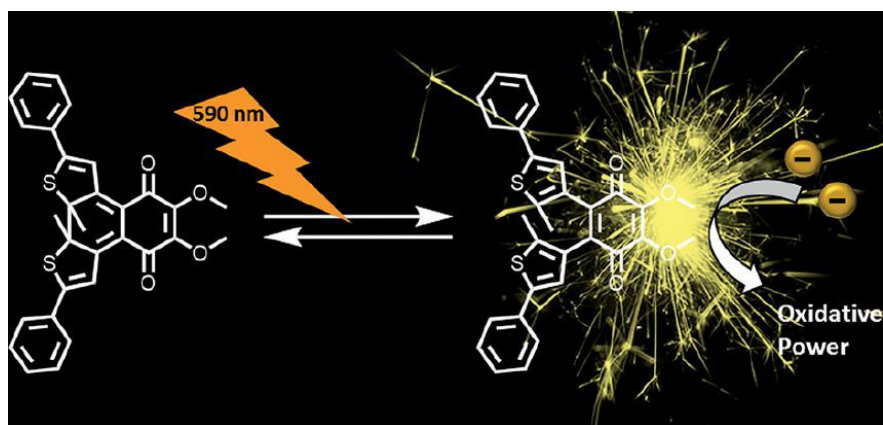
Success was hard to come, and when it did, it was much appreciated. But the effort seemed to be out of proportion to the reward.

Y. Martel – *Life of Pi*

## II.1 Photochromic Coenzyme Q Derivatives: Switching Redox Potentials with Light

### Abstract

Coenzyme Q is an important redox cofactor involved in a variety of cellular processes, and thus found in several cell compartments. We report a photochromic derivative of coenzyme Q that combines the molecular structures of the redox active cofactor and a photochromic dye. Light irradiation triggers an electronic rearrangement reversibly changing the redox potential. We used this effect to control the intermolecular redox reaction of the photochromic coenzyme Q derivative with dihydropyridine in solution by light irradiation. On mitochondria, the altered redox properties showed an effect on the respiratory chain. The experiments demonstrate that the redox reactions can be initiated inside the system of interest through irradiation with light and the accompanied photoisomerization.



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## II.1.1 Introduction

The concept of employing small, light-responsive molecules to gain a spatiotemporal control over biological processes is known for a long time.<sup>1</sup> However, in recent years, the field, now often termed as *photopharmacology*, expanded rapidly.<sup>2-5</sup> Photochromic inhibitors based on azo dyes or bridged diarylethenes (DAEs) were used to modulate enzymatic activities.<sup>6-11</sup> Moreover, switchable antibiotics<sup>12-14</sup> and molecules, which cause light-induced apoptosis of single cells in tissue<sup>15</sup> illustrate the potential of the approach. Using light as an external stimulant adds an extrinsic parameter determining the selectivity of the compound.<sup>3</sup> Furthermore, light is non-invasive, easy to apply, and offers an inimitable spatiotemporal control over the process of interest.<sup>1</sup> Both azobenzenes and DAEs interconvert upon light irradiation between two structural isomers, which differ strongly in their physical properties, and thus also in their activity towards biomolecules.<sup>1, 2</sup> DAEs generally show good photoconversion, fatigue resistance, and thermal stability. They are thus frequently used as photochromic tools in biological contexts.<sup>1, 16</sup>

While several analogues of DNA bases,<sup>17, 18</sup> fatty acids, and phospholipids<sup>19-23</sup> have been reported, the number of photoswitchable derivatives of enzymatic cofactors such as ATP, NAD(P)H, FAD, CoQ, is small. Recently, Wilson *et al.* presented a photochromic analogue of pyridoxal-5'-phosphate,<sup>24</sup> and furthermore ATP has been derivatized into a light-controllable mimetic.<sup>25</sup> However, redox cofactors, a likewise widely spread family of coenzymes, have not been considered so far.<sup>26</sup> They are involved in many cellular processes, and therefore found in various cellular compartments. They facilitate *e.g.* transhydrogenation reactions catalyzed by oxidoreductases by either accepting or providing electrons.<sup>27</sup> In general, they act as an activated electron carrier for the oxidation of metabolites in aerobic organisms. An important auxiliary molecule involved in this process is Coenzyme Q (CoQ), also called ubiquinone. The core part of the molecule, the benzoquinone ring, facilitates the molecule to serve as a two-electron carrier – interconverting between a ubiquinone and an ubiquinol form. Due to its large, nonpolar, poly-isoprenyl chain, the coenzyme is able to diffuse within lipophilic membranes.<sup>28</sup> Besides its function as an auxiliary in metabolism,<sup>26</sup> it also acts as an antioxidant,<sup>29, 30</sup> regulates the physiochemical properties of membranes,<sup>31</sup> and modulates the amount of  $\beta$ -integrins on the surface of blood monocytes.<sup>32</sup>

As most of the cofactors, redox cofactors are not only present in one single cellular compartment, but widely distributed. Thus, targeting them with conventional strategies of medicinal chemistry would cause an uncontrollable impact on all cells of the organism and it would be difficult to regulate the effect in the desired fashion. However, using a

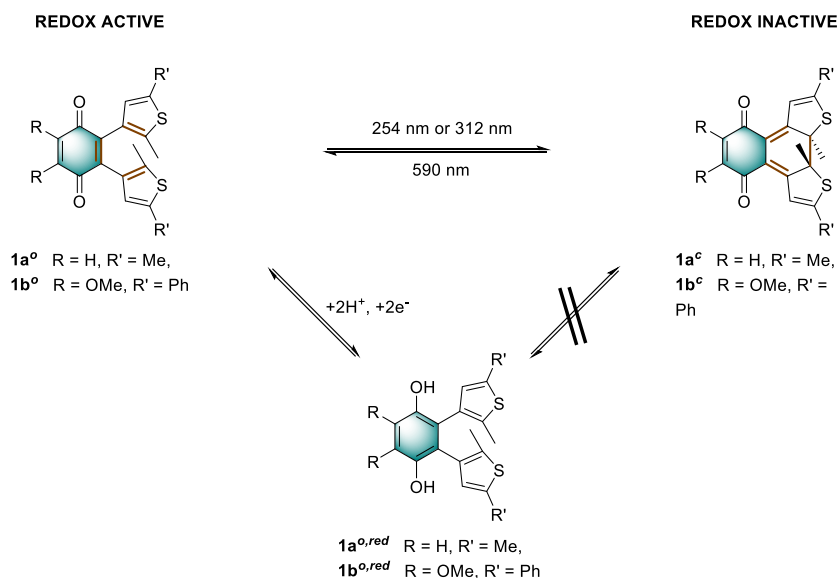
photopharmacological strategy, we are able to activate the agent specifically at the favored site for a defined time.

For our CoQ mimetic, we merged a redox-active benzoquinone moiety with two substituted thiophene moieties, building a photochromic DAE. Through irradiation with light, the  $6\pi$ -system formed by the three parts undergoes an electrocyclic ring-closing reaction. The ring-closure changes color, shape, and electronic properties of the molecule. Most applications of photochromic compounds aim at an altered structure with different physiological effect, but only few studies utilized the different electronic properties of both photoisomers.<sup>24, 33</sup> However, we focus on changing the redox potentials of the benzoquinone moiety through electronical changes upon irradiation. This specific mode of action may allow in principle to use one cofactor mimetic to target all related enzymes even if the active site differs, as the molecule's mode of action does not rely on its spatial interaction, but its redox state. Moreover, benzoquinone motifs have been considered as a scaffold by Deng *et al.* and Katsumura *et al.* and were investigated regarding their switching behavior.<sup>34, 35</sup> Light- and electronic-modulated switches have already been a subject of physical-electrochemical as well as spectroscopic studies,<sup>36-41</sup> but to the best of our knowledge, have never been considered as the role of a cofactor in biological context. Thus, we present the first photochromic molecule that has the potential to serve as a redox cofactor.

## II.1.2 Results and Discussion

### II.1.2.1 Design

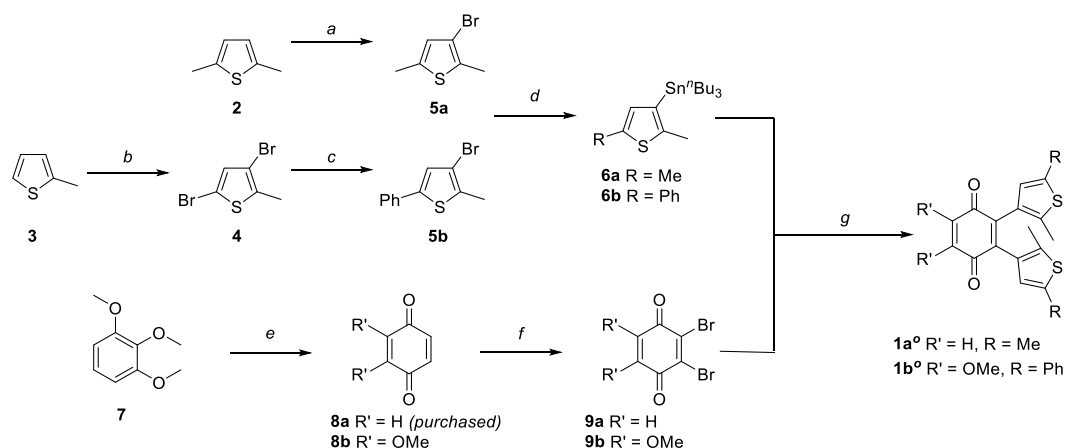
To modulate the redox properties of Coenzyme Q by light irradiation, we designed the photochromic derivatives **1a<sup>o</sup>** and **1b<sup>o</sup>** as depicted in Figure 1 by merging a redox-active benzoquinone with thiophene moieties to build a DAE. This allows the molecule to accept electrons for redox reactions just in one photoisomeric state. Upon irradiation by light of 254 nm, the redox-switch undergoes a  $6\pi$ -conrotatory electrocyclic ring closure to the closed photoisomer (**1a<sup>o</sup>,b<sup>o</sup>** to **1a<sup>c</sup>,b<sup>c</sup>**, Figure 1). The rearrangement delocalizes one double bond of the redox-active moiety in the conjugated backbone of the closed switch. The “closed photoisomer” should be thus mostly redox-inactive as the quinone system was intercepted. In contrast, the “open form” should be able to undergo oxidation reactions similar to unaltered CoQ (**1a<sup>o</sup>,b<sup>o</sup>** to **1a<sup>o,red</sup>,b<sup>o,red</sup>**, Figure 1). The methoxy groups of the benzoquinone moiety (**1b<sup>o</sup>**) are known to be crucial for interaction at the binding site of CoQ-consuming proteins, and are therefore retained in the model compound (Figure 1).<sup>42</sup>



**Figure 1: General principle of switchable redox potentials based on photochromic CoQ mimetics.**

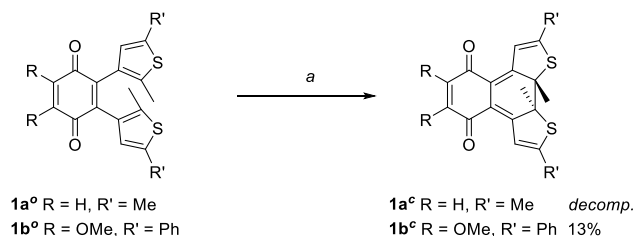
#### II.1.2.2 Synthesis of the Photochromic Coenzyme Q Derivatives

The key step of the synthesis towards compounds **1a<sup>o</sup>** and **1b<sup>o</sup>** was a Stille cross-coupling reaction of **5a** or **5b** onto quinone **8a** or **8b**, respectively (Scheme 1). The thiophene precursors (**5a** and **5b**) were easily synthesized from 2,5-dimethyl thiophene (**2**) or 2-methyl thiophene (**3**), respectively, partly following known protocols.<sup>34, 43</sup> After bromination and arylation through Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling the pre-functionalized thiophenes **5a** and **5b** were treated with <sup>t</sup>BuLi and subsequently SnClBu<sub>3</sub> yielding organo stannates **6a** and **6b**.<sup>35</sup> The quinone **8b** was synthesized through oxidation of **7** using Fenton's reagent in acetic acid.<sup>44</sup> Benzoquinone (**8a**) as well as 2,3-dimethoxy benzoquinone (**8b**) were then halogenated utilizing bromine under oxidative conditions.<sup>45</sup> The final step was performed employing Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> and elevated temperatures for 16 h to give **1a<sup>o</sup>** and **1b<sup>o</sup>** in acceptable yields (10% or 29%, respectively).<sup>34</sup>



**Scheme 1: Synthesis of photochromic Coenzyme Q mimetics  $1a^o$  and  $1b^o$ :** *a*: NBS, AcOH, 2 h, 66%. *b*:  $Br_2$ , AcOH, 18 h, r.t., 69%. *c*:  $PhB(OH)_2$ ,  $Pd(PPh_3)_2Cl_2$ ,  $AsPh_3$ ,  $Na_2CO_3$  (2 M, aq), THF, 16 h, 80 °C, 80%. *d*:  $t-BuLi$ ,  $SnBu_3Cl$ , dry THF, -78 °C to r.t., quantitative. *e*:  $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$ ,  $H_2O_2$ , AcOH, r.t., 16 h, 28%. *f*:  $Br_2$ ,  $H_2SO_4$ ,  $Et_2O$ , 1 h; then  $Ag_2O$ ,  $Et_2O$ , 1 h, 30% for  $9a$ ; 55% for  $9b$ . *g*:  $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ ,  $CuI$ , dry toluene, 85 °C ( $1a^o$ ) or 115 °C ( $1b^o$ ), 16 h, 10% ( $1a^o$ ) or 29% ( $1b^o$ ).

The open form of the photochromic quinones ( $1a^o$  and  $1b^o$ ) were converted into the corresponding closed isomers ( $1a^c$  and  $1b^c$ ) through irradiation with UV light (Scheme 2). Compound  $1a^o$  did not tolerate the long-term irradiation and decomposed. However, closed isomer  $1b^c$  was isolated from reversed phase column chromatography (13% yield).

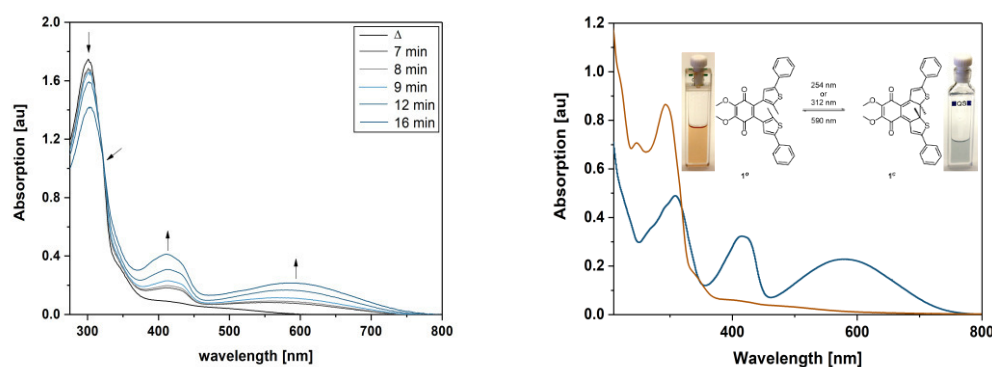


**Scheme 2: Synthesis of closed isomers  $1a^c$  and  $1b^c$ .** *a*: 312 nm, DMSO, r.t., 3h.

### II.1.2.3 Spectroscopic, electrochemical and spectroelectrochemical studies

The photoisomerization of compound  $1a^o$  and  $1b^o$  was investigated in toluene, DMSO, DCM, dioxane and MeCN. Unfortunately, compound  $1a^o$  did not tolerate irradiation with UV light (312 nm) and resulted in decomposition into uncharacterized products (for spectra see Appendix, Section A.II.1.1.). However, compound  $1b^o$  switches in polar and non-polar solvents (Figure 2 and in Section A.II.1.1.). Upon irradiation with UV light (312 nm or 254 nm, respectively), the color of the solution changed from bright red to blue. The photoisomerization was monitored by UV/Vis spectroscopy; associated spectra in DMSO are depicted exemplary in Figure 2 (further spectra are shown in the A.II.1.1.). New absorption maxima at 410 nm and 594 nm show the formation the photoisomer; the isosbestic point at 323 nm indicates a distinct two-compound isomerization. Photostationary

states (PSSs) were determined by HPLC measurements. The PSS for the closing reaction was determined to be 52% in DMSO, whereas the opening reaction was achieved quantitatively through irradiation with orange light (590 nm, 30  $\mu$ M, 2 min). A twisted intramolecular electron transfer (TICT) as reported for other DAE derivatives bearing an electron-acceptor core moiety rationalizes the generally rather low PSS for the closing reaction.<sup>46, 47</sup> Thus, we focused on the opening reaction for further experiments, which generates a redox active compound from a redox silent molecule upon irradiation.

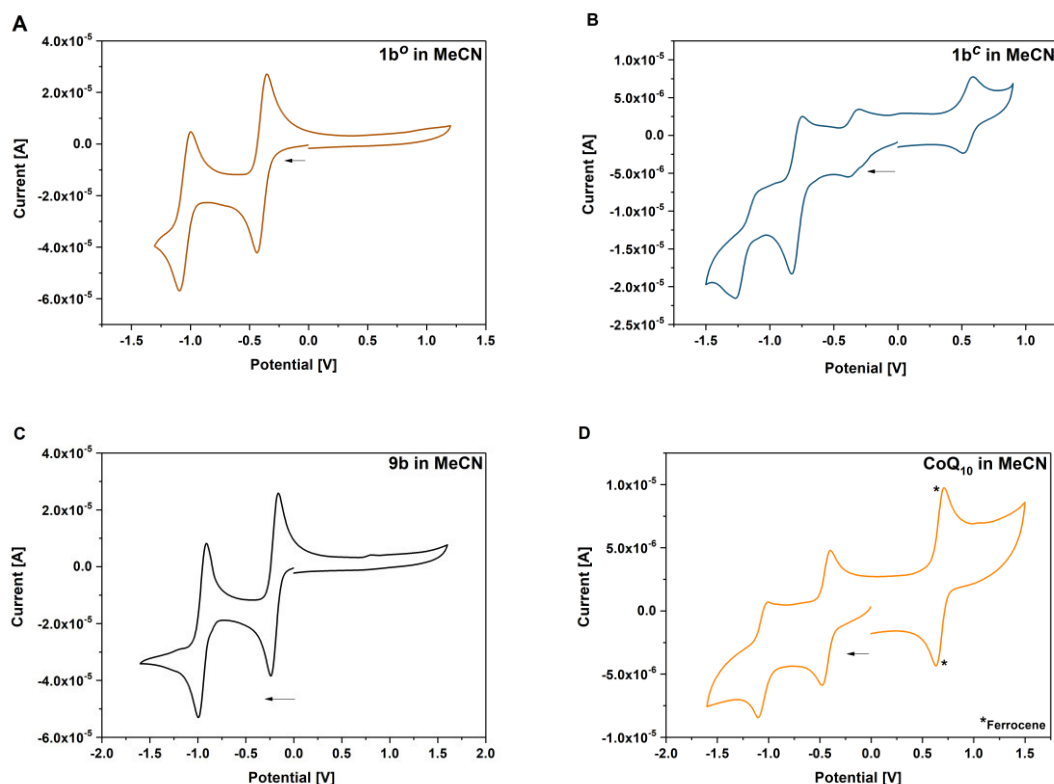


**Figure 2: *left*: Photoisomerization of **1b°** in DMSO (30  $\mu$ M, irradiation with 312 nm). *right*: Spectra of isolated photoisomers **1b°** (red line, maxima at 247 nm and 297 nm) and **1b^c** (blue line, maxima at 307 nm, 415 nm and 583 nm) in MeCN (isosbestic point at 317 nm). For further details see Appendix, Section A.II.1.1.**

To determine the redox potential of CoQ derivatives **1b°** and **1b^c**, we performed cyclic voltammetric (CV) studies. The compounds included in the study are depicted in Chart 1. Compound **12** was hereby synthesized from commercially available **11** similar to **9b** in one step. All 1,4-benzoquinone derivatives (**9b**, **10**: Figure 3, C and D; **8b**, **9a**, **11**, **12**, A.II.1.2.) including the open photochromic compound **1b°** (Figure 3, A) show similar behavior as CoQ<sub>10</sub> (Figure 3, D). Specifically, all compounds exhibit two well-defined, fully reversible reduction signals. This finding is in agreement with previous investigations on benzoquinones. The first step corresponds to the formation of a semiquinone radical, while the second step corresponds to the formation of a dianion (or hydroquinone if protons are present).<sup>48</sup> The potentials of the molecules are predestined by the substitution pattern of the respective compound and are summarized in Table 1. The substituents of the benzoquinone core affect the reduction potential values. With an increasing number of electron-withdrawing bromine substituents the reductions occur at less negative potentials. In contrast to all other investigated para-benzoquinones, the closed isomer **1b^c** generates three – not two – cathodic waves as well as one anodic one (Figure 3, B), which are reproducible (*cf.* Section



A.II.1.2.) Also, the intensities of the respective waves differ, and hence indicate that redox steps involve a different number of electrons.



**Figure 3:** Cyclic voltammogram of compounds **1b°** (A, 30  $\mu$ M), **1b<sup>c</sup>** (B, 2  $\mu$ M), **9b** (C, 30  $\mu$ M), and **CoQ<sub>10</sub>** (D, 2  $\mu$ M, \*ferrocene (0.005M) as internal standard) in MeCN + 0.1M Bu<sub>4</sub>NBF<sub>4</sub>.

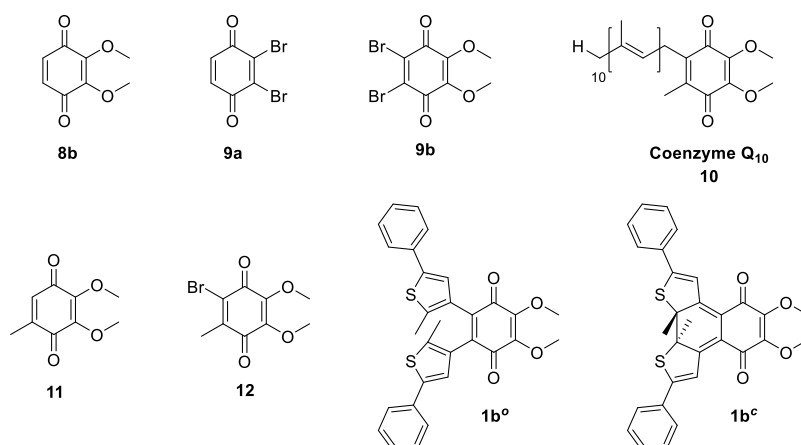
Next, we investigated the redox states by spectroelectrochemistry, using several different 1,4-benzoquinone derivatives for comparison (Chart 1).

Exemplary, changes of the UV/Vis spectra of compounds **1b°**, **1b<sup>c</sup>**, and **9b** during one cathodic potential sweep are depicted in Figure 4 (Difference spectra of **1b°**, **1b<sup>c</sup>**, and **9b** as well as UV/Vis spectra of **9a**, **10**, **11** and **12** can be found in the A.II.1.2.). All para-benzoquinones – besides the closed photoswitch **1b<sup>c</sup>** – show similar absorption bands with the changing potential; without applying an external potential, the benzoquinones show an absorption band at around 280–300 nm depending on their substitution pattern. During the first reduction step corresponding to the formation of the semiquinone intermediate,<sup>48</sup> this band decreases to give rise to two new bands – one at around 310 nm and a broader one at around 410 nm exhibiting a well-defined double maximum, which is also present in the case of **1b°** and CoQ<sub>10</sub>, but not so well-defined.<sup>50</sup> For CoQ<sub>10</sub>, this might be due to solubility issues in MeCN. The second cathodic wave is the formation of the dianion,<sup>48</sup> generating a novel band at around 370 nm, whereas the two bands of the semiquinone radical decrease again.

All spectra show clear isosbestic points indicating a distinct two-compound process. The reduction process is fully reversible and can be repeated over several cycles.

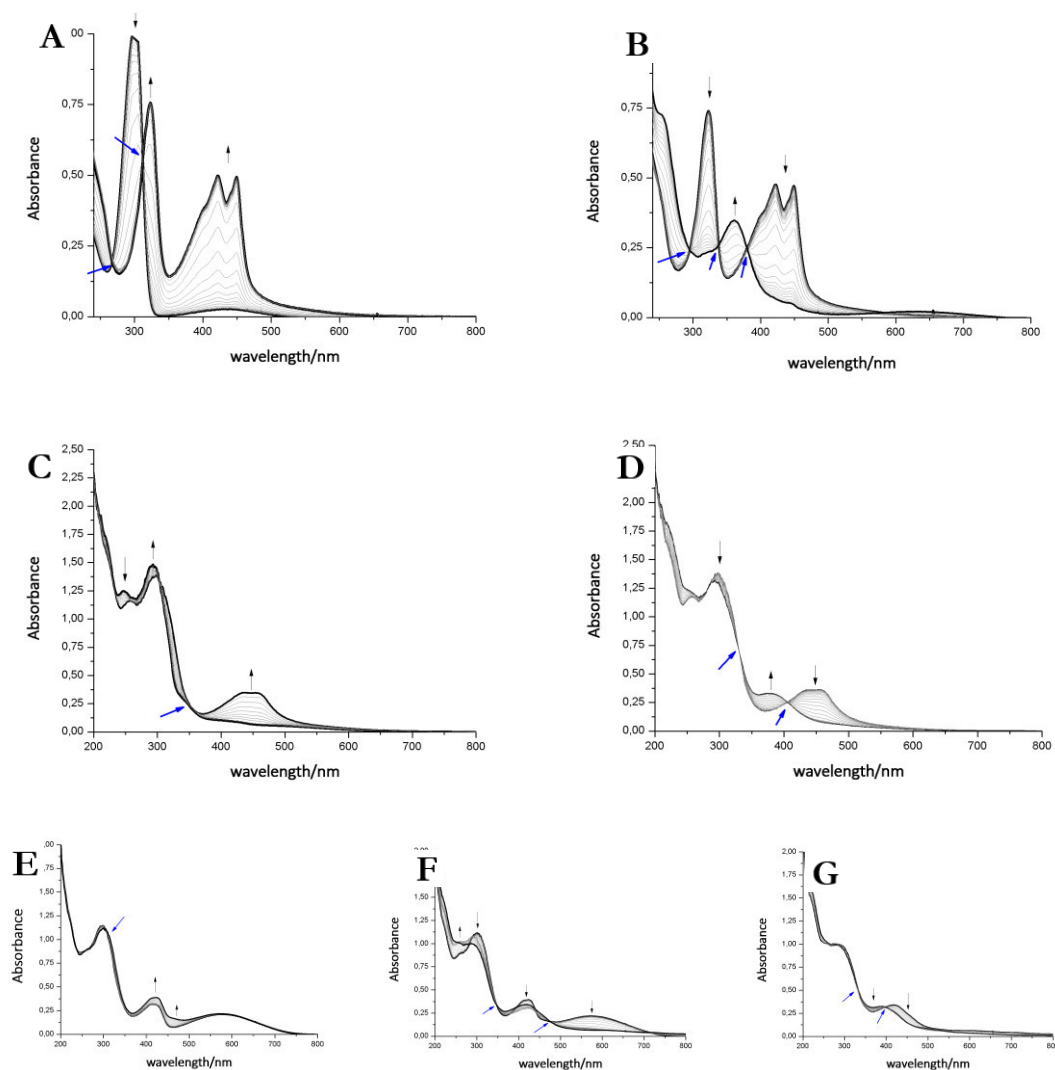
**Table 1: Redox potentials of benzoquinone derivatives 8b, 9a, 9b, 1b<sup>o</sup>, 1b<sup>c</sup>, CoQ<sub>10</sub>(10), 11, and 12 (*cf.* Chart 1) vs. SCN<sup>49</sup> (determined by CV measurements in MeCN + 0.1M Bu<sub>4</sub>NBF<sub>4</sub> using ferrocene (0.005M) as internal standard).**

Compound	Potentials vs. SCN [V] <sup>49</sup>
<b>1b<sup>o</sup></b>	-0.58; -1.23
<b>1b<sup>c</sup></b>	+0.83; -0.24; -0.55; -1.39
<b>8b</b>	-0.66; -1.37
<b>9a</b>	-0.24; -0.97
<b>9b</b>	-0.35; -1.1
<b>CoQ<sub>10</sub> (10)</b>	-0.77; -1.39
<b>11</b>	-0.69; -1.34
<b>12</b>	-0.54; -1.27



**Chart 1: 1,4-Benzoquinones included in the electrochemical studies.**

In contrast to the other investigated benzoquinones, the closed photoswitch **1b<sup>c</sup>** showed a slightly different spectrum in the beginning due to the attached chromophore. The molecule exhibits maxima at 307 nm, 415 nm, and 583 nm. During the first reduction step, the maximum at 415 nm broadens, while the other maxima remain unchanged. Changes are more drastic as the second reduction occurs; the long-wave band around 580 nm fully decreases, the band at around 410 nm broadens even more and the short-wave band at around 300 nm experiences a hypsochromic shift. While the last reduction step takes place, the band around 410 nm is also hypsochromically shifted.



**Figure 4: Spectroelectrochemical studies of compounds 9b (A: first wave, B: second wave), 1b<sup>o</sup> (C: first wave, D: second wave) and 1b<sup>c</sup> (E: first wave, F: second wave, G: third wave). One spectra-set correlates with one cathodic wave. Black arrows indicate increase/decrease of maxima; blue arrows assign isosbestic points.**

Although there are similarities to the non-photochromic benzoquinones and to **1b<sup>o</sup>**, the spectroelectrochemical studies clearly reveals a different behavior of **1b<sup>c</sup>**. Especially, the well-pronounced decrease of the long-wave band around 580 nm, which can be assigned to the conjugated thiophene backbone in the chromophore of the photoswitch,<sup>16</sup> indicates a redox process in this moiety of the molecule. However, this appears rather counterintuitive, as though impaired the benzoquinone moiety still should be more prompt to reduction. Yet very recently, Saito *et al.* report EPR and computational studies on a related molecule and could show the formation of a radical anion similar to a semiquinone.<sup>19h</sup> A charge delocalization over the whole molecule is likely to be allowed through two nearly degenerated LUMO and LUMO+1. Thus, we suggest that the second reductive wave also has semiquinone character but delocalized over the whole molecule (loss of long-wave band

around 580 nm, which is associated with the closed ring in DAEs). The first and the third reduction potential show less prominent changes in UV/Vis and are yet to be assigned.

Overall, the cyclovoltammetric and spectroelectrochemical studies revealed a different redox behavior for both photoisomers of **1b**. Spectroscopic investigations revealed that **1b<sup>o</sup>** and **1b<sup>c</sup>** can be in fact interconverted into each another through light but the PSS values of the closing reaction in all investigated solvents is rather low (maximum 52% in DMSO). Also, the speed of both the opening and the closing reaction are in the minute-range. However, both characteristics are crucial for many redox mediated reactions, especially in bio-systems as *e.g.* enzymatic reactions take place in the milli-second range or are even faster. Therefore, compound **1b** can only be considered for a limited set of experiments up to now. The investigated redox reactions should also to be in the minute range or should not mind diffusion of the cofactor mimetic during irradiation. The quantitative opening reaction can be used to provide a redox partner within a system upon irradiation applying the photo-switching process in a photo-cage fashion; back-switching, however, would be not quantitative. Taking these properties into account, we investigated the applicability of the redox switch as a tool in reactions.

#### II.1.2.4 Photoactivated Oxidation Reactions

In the mitochondrial respiratory chain, CoQ<sub>n</sub> oxidizes NADH to NAD<sup>+</sup> in Complex I (NADH-Q oxidoreductase).<sup>26</sup> Thus, we decided to let our photochromic CoQ mimetic **1b<sup>o</sup>** react with Hantzsch ester **13**, which belongs to the same family of dihydropyridines as NADH, and hence serves as an excellent test substrate for a photoactivated oxidation reaction.

A solution of each photoisomer (5 mM, **1b<sup>o</sup>**, **1b<sup>c</sup>**) was treated with a solution of Hantzsch ester **13** (12 mM) in DMSO and reacted at ambient temperature in the dark. We took samples in certain time intervals and analyzed them through analytical HPLC (UV/Vis detection at 317 nm which equals PSS, HPLC traces see Appendix, Section A.II.1.5.) to follow the consumption and the generation of the respective redox pairs. The formation of **1b<sup>o,red</sup>** from **1b<sup>o</sup>** and **1b<sup>c</sup>**, respectively, through reduction with **13** is depicted in Figure 6A (normed areas of HPLC traces). The open photoisomer **1b<sup>o</sup>** is rapidly reduced by Hantzsch ester **13** (red line, Figure 6A), whereas the closed one **1b<sup>c</sup>** shows almost no conversion to **1b<sup>o,red</sup>** or any other product (blue, Figure 6B, minor background reaction results from thermal ring-opening). Thus, compound **1b<sup>c</sup>** is unreactive before irradiation.

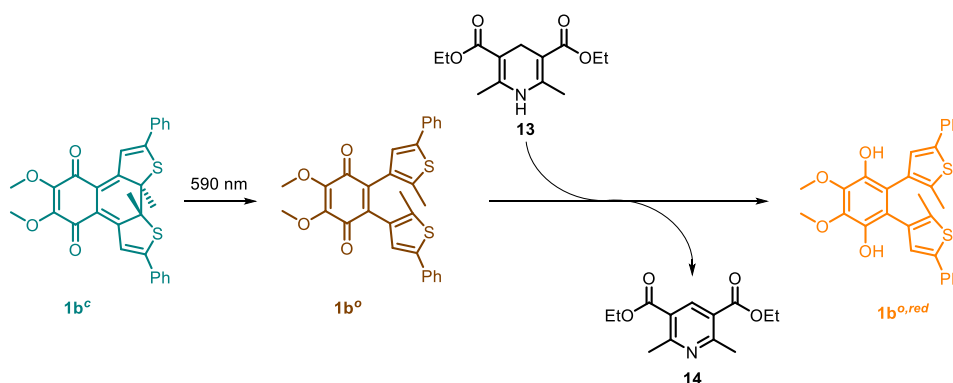


Figure 5: Photoactivated redox reaction between photochromic CoQ derivative  $1b^o$  and an NADH model- Hantzsch ester 13. Compound  $1b^o$  is generated in situ from closed isomer  $1b^c$  via irradiation.

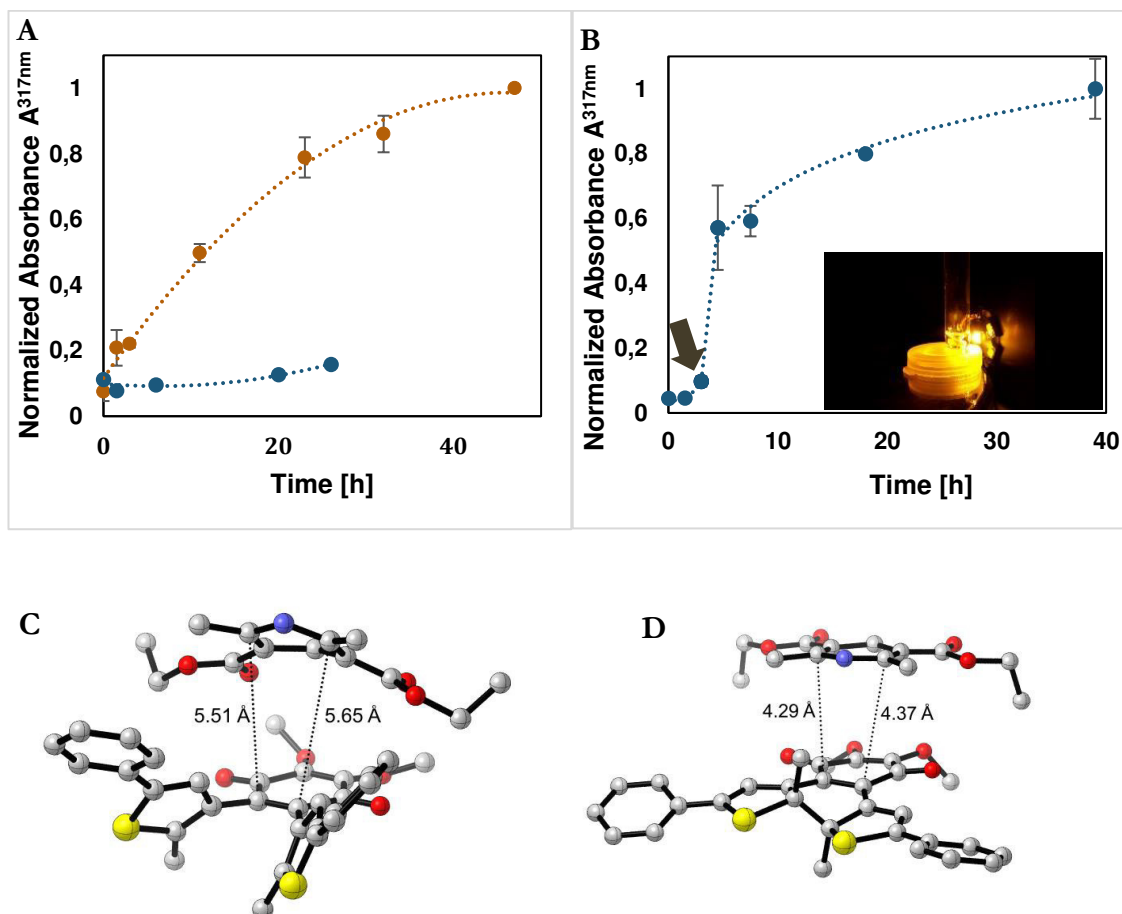


Figure 6: A: Formation of  $1b^{o,red}$  via reduction of  $1b^o$  (5 mM, DMSO, red line) or  $1b^c$  (5 mM DMSO, blue line) through dihydropyridine derivative, Hantzsch ester 13 monitored through HPLC-UV/Vis. B: Formation of  $1b^{o,red}$  after photoactivation (arrow) of  $1b^c$  (10 mM, DMSO) after three hours of initial reaction time with a 590 nm single-spot LED for 10 min (picture). Values are typically the means  $\pm$  SEM of three individual experiments. C: Optimized geometry of the  $1b^o$ -13 adduct. D: Optimized geometry of the  $1b^c$ -13 adduct (All the distances are reported in Ångstroms).

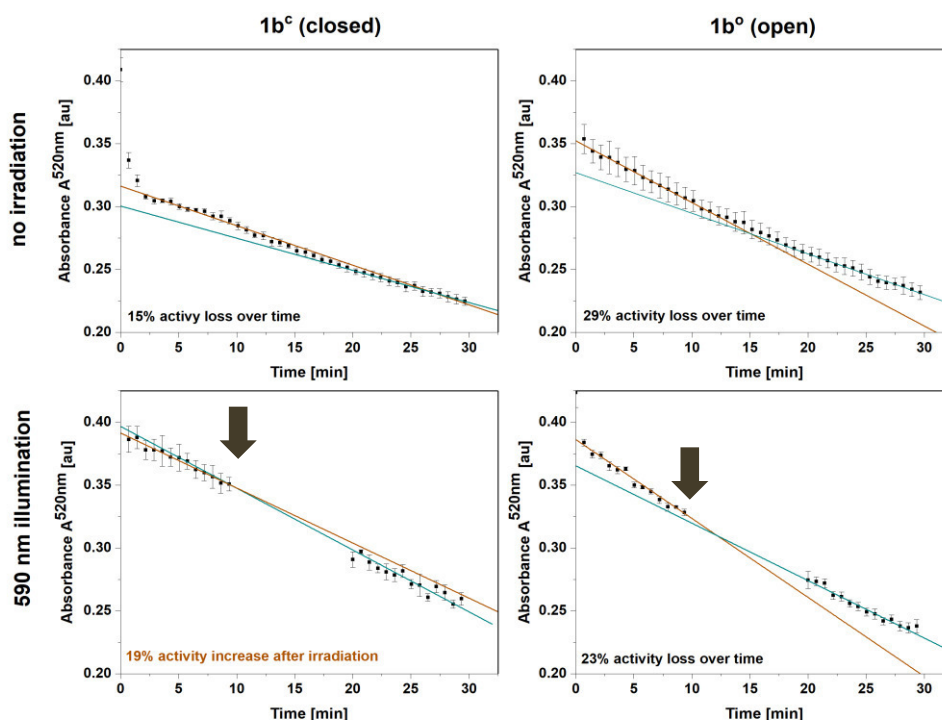
Then, we investigated whether the formation of **1b**<sup>o,red</sup> can be triggered through light-activation of **1b**<sup>c</sup>. The closed isomer (10 mM, DMSO) was treated with Hantzsch ester **13** (12 mM) and left stirring in the dark for three hours. Subsequently, the solution was irradiated with a 590 nm single-spot LED for 10 min (picture, Figure 6) to be quantitatively converted into **1b**<sup>o</sup>. HPLC analysis confirmed a full conversion into only the open photoisomer and also an immediately initialized reduction into **1b**<sup>o,red</sup> (Figure 6B, for HPLC traces see Appendix, A.II.1.5.). The initial slope of the reaction seems to be larger than utilizing **1b**<sup>o</sup>. This could be due to a pre-aggregation of **1b**<sup>c</sup> and the Hantzsch ester. A preliminary computational analysis was carried out in order to unravel the presence of an interaction between both photoisomers and Hantzsch ester **13**. The DFT method at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory (*cf.* Sections A.II.1.7. and A.II.1.10.).<sup>28</sup> We decided to follow a modification of an approach already found in the literature<sup>29</sup> to gain qualitative insight on the presence of a non-covalent  $\pi$  stacking between the two photoisomers of **1b** and **13**.

From an energetic point of view, the closed form appeared to be more stable (*ca.* 7 Kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>), *cf.* Appendix, Section A.II.1.7.) due to the interaction with **13**. Moreover, the geometry of the optimized structures clearly shows the Hantzsch ester resides in closer proximity to **1b**<sup>o</sup> than to **1b**<sup>c</sup> (see Figure 6C and D).

In summary, we can conclude that the intermolecular reaction does relay on the respective redox potentials of the compounds indicating that we are truly able to change redox potentials of **1b** by photo-induced ring-opening of the electronically caged closed photoisomer.

#### II.1.2.5 Photoactivated mitochondrial reduction of 2,6-dichlorophenol indophenol

In order to test the effect of **1b**<sup>c</sup> and **1b**<sup>o</sup> on a natural system, mitochondria were isolated from the wildtype yeast strain BY4742.<sup>30</sup> CoQ<sub>n</sub> serves as electron transmitter in the respiratory chain of mitochondria from Complex II (succinate dehydrogenase) to Complex III (cytochrome-C oxidoreductase). By using 2,6-dichlorophenol indophenol (DCIP) as electron acceptor instead of Complex III, CoQ analogues can be tested on isolated mitochondria.<sup>31</sup> The reduction of DCIP with **1b**<sup>c</sup> and **1b**<sup>o</sup> was followed spectrophotometrically (Figure 7), continuously for 30 min or interrupted by irradiation with 590 nm, in order to switch the closed **1b**<sup>c</sup> into the open, more active **1b**<sup>o</sup> isomer.



**Figure 7: Reduction of 2,6-dichlorophenol indophenol (DCIP) by mitochondria over time monitored spectrophotometrically at 520 nm.  $1b^c$  and  $1b^o$  assays were carried out continuously (upper panels) or interrupted by irradiation at 590 nm as indicated by arrows (lower panels). The data were fitted for linear activity at 0-10 min (red) and 20-30 min (blue). Whereas activity decreases with time without irradiation of either the closed or the open form as well as after irradiation of the open form (blue slope < red slope), it increases after irradiation of the closed form (blue slope > red slope).**

For both isomers of our CoQ mimetic **1b**, reduction of DCIP could be observed in the continuous assay (Figure 7, *no irradiation*) where a fast initial rate (red) was followed by a lower rate (blue). Comparing the initial rate of DCIP reduction with **1b<sup>c</sup>** and **1b<sup>o</sup>**, the open isomer is only approximately 70% more active than the closed isomer. We assume that this seemingly high activity of the closed isomer is due to residual activity of bound natural CoQ<sub>n</sub>, which we cannot exclude in isolated mitochondria.

To emphasize the activity difference of **1b<sup>c</sup>** and **1b<sup>o</sup>**, we irradiated both isomers after 10 min reaction time (Figure 7, *590 nm irradiation*). The activity for the open isomer decreased as in the non-irradiated assay (blue slope < red slope). However, the rate for the closed isomer after irradiation increased (blue slope > red slope) indicating that the reaction was restarted. Thus, despite the complex system of mitochondria, in which CoQ is deployed in several reactions, we were able to see an activation of the DCIP reduction after irradiation of **1b<sup>c</sup>**.

Consequently, the photochromic CoQ mimetic **1b** cannot only replace CoQ<sub>n</sub> in a natural system, but can also activate the same after irradiation.

### II.1.3 Conclusion

In conclusion, we have developed a photochromic CoQ derivative (**1b**) combining a redox active and a photochromic moiety in one molecule. We could show by cyclic voltammetry that the redox potential of both photoisomers differs, and thus can be altered through photoisomerization. In addition, the mode of action of cathodic waves in spectroelectrochemical studies was examined indicating the nature of the reductive steps. Furthermore, we could show that the closed form of the switch (**1b<sup>c</sup>**) is redox inactive in a reaction with Hantzsch ester, a member of the dihydropyridine family, and has to be photoactivated to its open isomer (**1b<sup>o</sup>**) to be redox active. This proves that the reactivity of **1b** relies on the altered redox potentials of the two photoisomers and is thus controllable through electronic changes rather than by conformational and geometry changes as seen in most other studies. Finally, we were able to show that treatment of isolated mitochondria with both photoisomers led to a difference of approximately 70% of the velocity of DCIP reduction. We could further show that the closed isomer **1b<sup>c</sup>** can restart the DCIP reduction upon activation through irradiation. Thus, we present the first photochromic redox cofactor that operates in a complex, biological context and were able to convert the formally caged closed form of the mimetic into an active redox probe inside the system. However, reversibility of the redox reaction could not yet be achieved due to low PSS values and insufficiently fast reaction rates. Optimization of both issues have to be addressed in further research to finally generate a tool facilitating the control of redox-dependent biological functions in cells by light.

### II.1.4 Experimental Section

#### *2,3-Bis(2,5-dimethylthiophen-3-yl)cyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-dione (1a)*

A crimp top vial was equipped with **8a** (97 mg, 0.36 mmol), **6a** (591 mg, 1.47 mmol), CuI (30 mg, 0.16 mmol) and dry toluene (7 mL) under nitrogen. The vial was deaerated through argon bubbling for five minutes. Then Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (173 mg, 0.15mmol) was added and the vial was sealed and heated to 85 °C for 16 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in EtOAc (5 mL), a saturated KF solution (aq, 5 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for one hour. The reaction mixture was filtered to remove precipitated Bu<sub>3</sub>SnF and the organic layer



was isolated. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified through MPLC (0 to 20% EtOAc in petroleum ether). The pure product was isolated as brown solid.

Yield: 12 mg, 0.04 mmol, 10%. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  = 6.76 (s, 2H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 6H), 2.34 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  = 146.4 (s, q), 137.6 (s, q), 134.8 (s, q), 132.3 (s, q), 126.9 (s, +), 123.4 (s, q), 116.4 (s, +), 15.2 (s, +), 13.8 (s, +). ESI-MS: calculated: 328.0592. found: 331.08 (reduced form; MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%). HR-MS: found: 329.0665 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%). R<sub>f</sub>: 0.85 (30% EtOAc in petroleum ether).

*2,3-Dimethoxy-5,6-bis(2-methyl-5-phenylthiophen-3-yl)cyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-dione (1b<sup>o</sup>)*

Compounds **5b** (1.42 g, 3.97 mmol), **8a** (522 mg, 1.59 mmol) and CuI (30 mg, 0.16 mmol) were dissolved in dry toluene (25 mL) under Argon atmosphere. The solution was deaerated through Argon bubbling for 5 min and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (183 mg, 0.16 mmol) was added. The vial was sealed and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 16 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in EtOAc (10 mL), a saturated KF solution (aq, 10 mL) was added and the mixture stirred for one hour. The reaction mixture was filtered to remove precipitated Bu<sub>3</sub>SnF and the organic layer was isolated. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 x 20 mL). The organic layers were combined and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and the crude product was purified through MPLC (0 to 55% EtOAc in petroleum ether) to give a red solid. For biological testing the sample was further purified through reversed phase MPLC (C18, 65 to 100% MeCN in H<sub>2</sub>O/0.05% TFA).

Yield: 560 mg, 1.04 mmol, 29%. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  = 7.44 – 7.40 (m, 4H, phenyl), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 4H, phenyl), 6.83 (s, 2H, thiophene), 4.11 (s, 6H, methoxy), 2.07 (s, 6H, methyl). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  = 183.2 (+), 144.6 (+), 140.3 (+), 139.6 (+), 138.00 (+), 134.0 (+), 130.1 (+), 128.8 (+), 127.3 (+), 125.7 (+), 125.3 (+), 61.4 (+, methoxy), 14.9 (+, methyl). FTIR:  $\tilde{\nu}$ (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2937 (w), 1655 (s), 1592 (s), 1256 (m), 1070 (m), 757 (s), 693 (s). HR-MS: calculated: 512.1116; found: 513.1187 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%). Melting point: 137 °C. R<sub>f</sub>: 0.65 (50% EtOAc in petroleum ether).

*(10a,10b)-5,6-Dimethoxy-10a,10b-dimethyl-2,9-diphenyl-10a,10b-dihydronaphtho[2,1-b:3,4-b']dithiophene-4,7-dione (1b<sup>c</sup>)*

Compound **9b<sup>o</sup>** (29 mg, 0.06 mmol) was dissolved in DMSO (5 mL) and effused into a Petri dish. The solution was irradiated for 4 h with a 312 nm hand-lamp and then directly injected

onto a reversed phase column. The compound could be isolated through elution with MeCN in H<sub>2</sub>O/0.05% TFA (reversed phase MPLC, C18, gradient 65 to 100%) to give a blue solid. Yield: 9 mg, 0.01 mmol, 13%. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ =8.24 (s, 2H, thiophene), 7.83 – 7.61 (m, 4H, phenyl), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 1.9 Hz, 6H, phenyl), 4.08 (s, 6H, methoxy), 2.09 (s, 3H, methyl). HR-MS: calculated: 512.1116; found: 513.1185 (100%).

#### *3-Bromo-2,5-dimethylthiophene (5a)*

Compound **2** (2.0 mL, 17.54 mmol, 1.0 eq) was dissolved in glacial acetic acid (50 mL). NBS (3120 mg, 17.54 mmol, 1.0 eq) was added in portions. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at ambient temperature. The solution was poured onto ice water (50 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 x 8 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was evaporated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified through MPLC (petroleum ether). The pure product was obtained as translucent oil.

Yield: 2213 mg, 11.58 mmol, 66%. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  = 2.35 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub> thiophene), 2.42 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub> thiophene), 6.57 (s, 1H, CH thiophene). *R*<sub>f</sub>: 0.92 (petroleum ether). The analytical data were in agreement with published data.<sup>51</sup>

#### *3-Bromo-2-methyl-5-phenylthiophene (5b)*

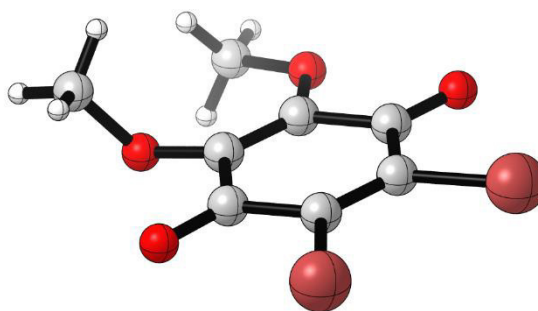
A crimp top vial was equipped with **4** (3390 mg, 13.25 mmol), phenyl boronic acid (1651 mg, 13.52 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (88 mg, 0.13 mmol), AsPh<sub>3</sub> (69 mg, 0.23 mmol), THF (39 mL) and a Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> solution (aq, 2M, 16 mL) and sealed. The vial was purged with argon for five minutes and the reaction mixture was heated to 80 °C for 16 h. The mixture was cooled to room temperature and extracted with EtOAc (2 x 40 mL). The organic layers were combined and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the crude product was purified through MPLC (petroleum ether). The pure product was isolated as white crystalline powder. Yield: 2700 mg, 10.67 mmol, 80%. The analytical data were in agreement with published data.<sup>52</sup>

#### *2,3-Dibromo-5,6-dimethoxycyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-dione (9b)*

Compound **8b** (768 mg, 4.57 mmol) was dissolved in dry Et<sub>2</sub>O (21 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere. Bromine (2773 mg, 17.35 mmol, 0.90 mL) was dissolved in a mixture of CHCl<sub>3</sub> (10 mL) and dry Et<sub>2</sub>O (2.3 mL) and added dropwise to the reaction mixture at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for one hour at ambient temperature; then, concentrated sulfuric acid (23 mL) was added dropwise at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at ambient

temperature for another hour and then poured onto ice. The mixture was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 50 mL). Ag<sub>2</sub>O (5503 mg, 23.75 mmol) was added to the combined organic layers and stirred for 20 min. The solids were filtered off and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified through reversed phase MPLC (C18; 30 to 65 % MeCN in H<sub>2</sub>O/0.05% TFA). The pure product was obtained as red powder and crystallized for analytical purpose from CHCl<sub>3</sub>/petroleum ether.

Yield: 826 mg, 2.54 mmol, 55%. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  = 4.04 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  = 174.7 (s, q), 145.0 (q), 137.2 (q), 61.7 (s, +). FTIR:  $\tilde{\nu}$ (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2948 (w), 1625 (s), 1662 (s), 1562 (s), 936 (m), 731 (s). APCI-MS: found: 324.87 (MH<sup>+</sup>, <sup>79</sup>Br, 50%), 326.87 (MH<sup>+</sup>, <sup>79</sup>Br/<sup>81</sup>Br, 100%), 328.87 (MH<sup>+</sup>, <sup>81</sup>Br, 50%). HR-MS: calculated: 323.8633; found: 323.8625 (M<sup>+</sup>, <sup>79</sup>Br). Melting point: 102 °C. R<sub>f</sub> 0.74 (50% EtOAc in petroleum ether).



**Figure 8: X-Ray structure of compound 9b.**

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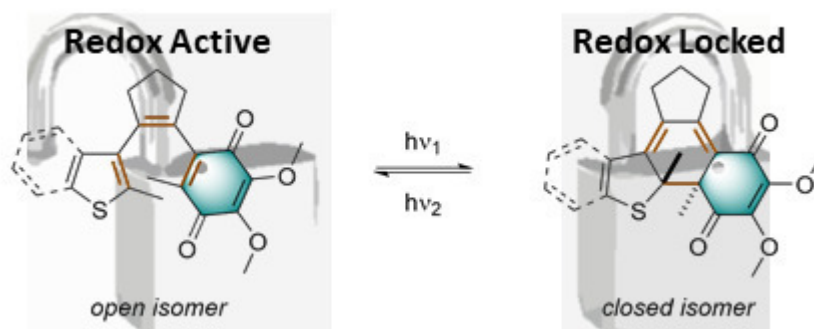
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## II.2 Synthesis and Characterization of Generation II Coenzyme Q Switches

### Abstract

Coenzyme Q is a key player in the cellular energy production. Consequently, its function is crucial for cell survival and death. As the regulation of cellular stress is of high interest for multifaceted aspects of biochemical and pre-clinical research suitable tool compounds are desired. Recently, we reported on photochromic Coenzyme Q mimetics merging a benzoquinone with a diarylethene motif. To enhance the photophysical properties of the compounds, we herein present re-designed structures with potentially improved switching properties. Consequently, we take one step further on the pathway towards light-controllable, fully operational redox coenzymes.

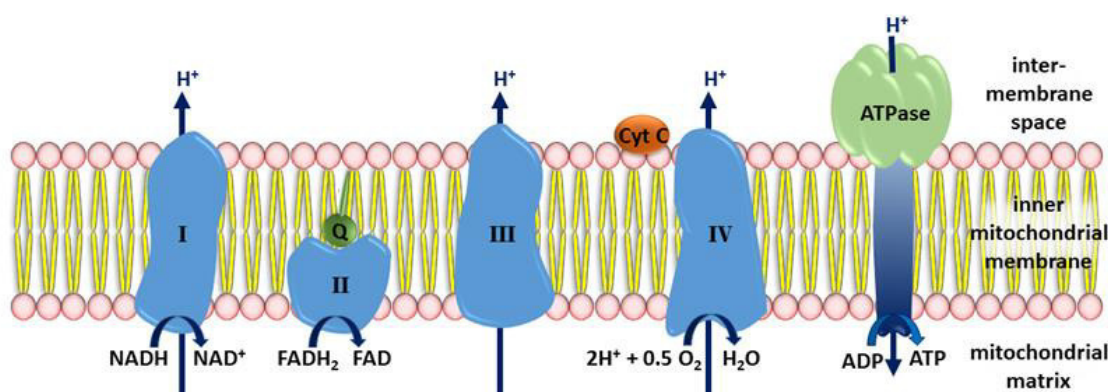


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## II.2.1 Introduction and Aim

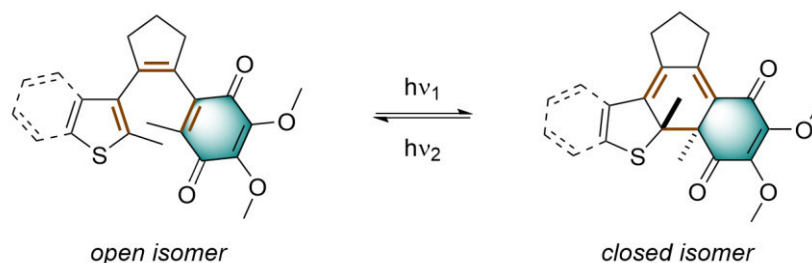
Coenzyme Q, also called ubiquinone, is a crucial component in the mitochondrial respiratory chain (Figure 1). Hence, it plays a key role in the efficient energy production from carbohydrates and fatty acids. In particular, at complex I (NADH-CoQ reductase) of the respiratory chain, ubiquinone is reduced to ubiquinol by simultaneous oxidation of NADH and the transport of three to four protons through the membrane (matrix to intermembrane space). A similar process is present in the complex II (succinat-CoQ reductase). Here, Coenzyme Q is reduced by simultaneous oxidation of FADH. Ubiquinol is finally diffusing within the membrane to complex III (CoQH<sub>2</sub>-cytochrom c reductase) where it is re-oxidized to Coenzyme Q. The generated protons are again released into the intermembrane space. The protons pumped through the membrane during the redox reactions generate a potential gradient over the inner mitochondrial membrane, which will finally be released through ATP synthase, synthesizing ATP. Consequently, ubiquinone is a key player in cellular energy production and crucial for cell survival and death. Regulation of cellular stress and surviving is an interesting point of action for multifaceted aspects of biochemical and pre-clinical research.<sup>1-3</sup>



**Figure 1: Schematic presentation of the respiratory chain. Coenzyme Q (green ball Q) is reduced at complex I and II to OH<sub>2</sub> and transports in this manner electrons to complex III where it is re-oxidized to Q.**

In Chapter III.1. we studied a photoswitchable redox cofactor inspired by Coenzyme Q, which oxidative properties could be photoregulated on mitochondria. The design involves a benzoquinone core, which was symmetrically substituted with two thiophenes to form a photochromic DTE. However, a major drawback of the compound is its limited efficiency regarding the ring-closure reaction. Whereas the opening reaction works quantitatively, the PSS of the closing reaction is not higher than 52%. Hence, switching of the molecule is only partly reversible.<sup>4</sup> This limits the application of the compound as redox tool in cellular and

super-cellular systems. Thus, we intended to develop a second generation of photochromic CoQ mimetics in order to enhance the PSS of the ring closure-reaction. In the same time, the fatigue resistance of the compound should be improved as we found that upon photoswitching for several times a side-product formation is triggered, and a part of the material cannot be recovered. Our new design (*cf.* Figure 2) involves an unsymmetrically substituted cyclopentene exhibiting a thiophene (or benzothiophene) moiety on one side and a redox-active benzoquinone derivative on the other. A similar concept was employed by the group of Jäschke in their work regarding photoswitchable nucleotides.<sup>5, 6</sup> They reported a photoactuator characterized by reliable switching behavior, even in aqueous systems, and the embedding of the switch in DNA strands. Consequently, transferring the same concept to our intentions appeared to be very promising.

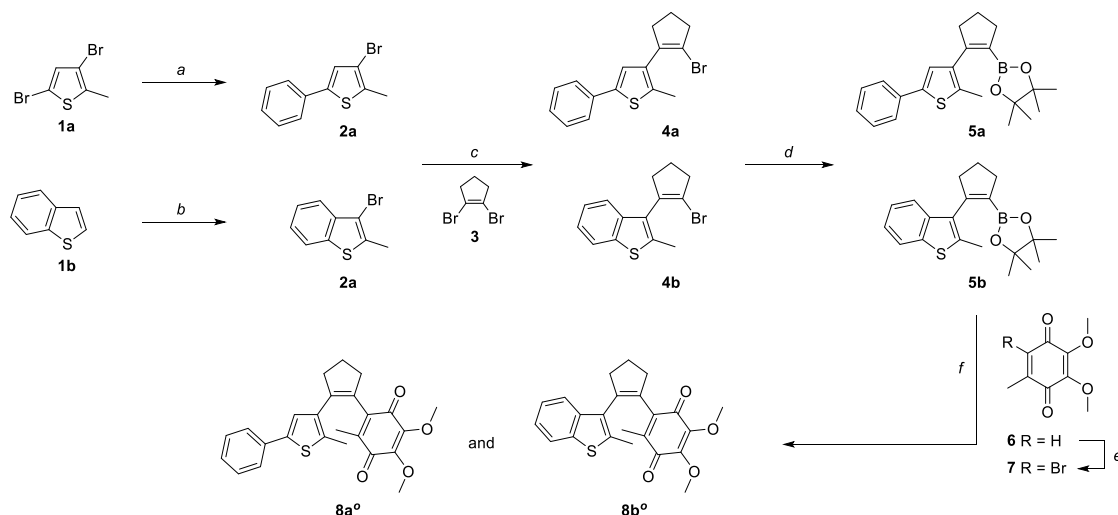


**Figure 2: Design of second generation photochromic Coenzyme Q derivatives merging a photochromic  $6\pi$  system (brown) and a redox-active benzoquinone (blue). A cyclopentadiene moiety constitutes the core on which the benzoquinone and a (benzo)thiophene are attached.**

## II.2.2 Results and Discussion

### II.2.2.1 Synthesis

The key step of the reaction sequence is a Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction of a functionalized thiophene (**5a,b**) onto the brominated para-benzoquinone **7** (Scheme 1). The synthesis towards **5a** and **5b** started through arylation of the brominated thiophene **1a**<sup>4</sup> or through methylation and subsequent bromination of benzothiophene (**1b**) to result in **2a** and **2b** (80% or 85%, respectively).<sup>7, 8</sup> Compounds **2a** and **2b** were then treated with <sup>n</sup>BuLi and B(OMe)<sub>3</sub> and directly subjected to a Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction with 1,2-dibromo cyclopentadiene (**3**). The yields of the one-pot reaction were 14% or 25%, respectively. Subsequently, **4a** and **4b** were treated with <sup>n</sup>BuLi and trapped with B(O<sup>i</sup>Pr)(O<sup>i</sup>pin) to give compounds **5a** and **5b** in quantitative yield.<sup>5, 6</sup> The compounds obtained in this way were then reacted with benzoquinone **7** in a Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction.



**Scheme 1: Synthetic approach towards second generation of photochromic CoQ mimetics.** *a:* PhB(OH)<sub>2</sub> (1.05 eq), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.1 eq), AsPh<sub>3</sub> (0.2 eq), Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2 M, aq), THF, 80 °C, Ar, 16 h 80%. *b:* 1) <sup>*n*</sup>BuLi (1.6 M, 1.1 eq), MeI (1 eq), dry DCM, -78 °C to r.t., N<sub>2</sub>, 2 h; 2) NBS (1 eq), r.t., 16 h, 85%. *c:* 1) <sup>*n*</sup>BuLi (1.6 M, 1.1 eq), B(OMe)<sub>3</sub> (1.1 eq), dry THF, -78 °C to r.t., N<sub>2</sub>, 2 h; 2) compound 3 (0.8 eq), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.1 eq), dppf (0.2 eq), Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2 M, aq), 80 °C, Ar, 16 h (4a: 14%, 4b: 25%). *d:* <sup>*n*</sup>BuLi (1.6 M, 1.1 eq), B(O<sup>*i*</sup>Pr)(Opin)<sub>2</sub> (1.1 eq), dry THF, -78 °C to r.t., N<sub>2</sub>, 2 h, quantitative. *e:* 1) Br<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, Et<sub>2</sub>O, 1h; 2) Ag<sub>2</sub>O, Et<sub>2</sub>O, 1h, 53%. *f:* K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (1.2 eq), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.1 eq), dppf (0.2 eq), TEA (0.4 eq), THF/water (5:1), 80 °C, Ar, 16 h (8a: 1%, 8b: 0%).

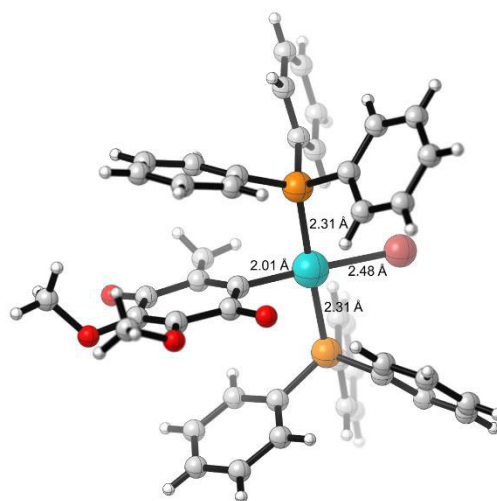
However, we could only obtain compound **8a** in poor yields (1%) which was further examined spectroscopically (*vide infra*). The Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction mainly resulted in dehalogenation or further decomposition of the starting material. Hence, we screened further conditions to find synthetic access to **8b**. The results are summarized in table 1.

Most conditions resulted in unaltered **5b** or a defunctionalized derivative (cleavage of the C-Bpin bond to give C-H), which could be isolated through chromatography (Table 1, Entry 1-5). Only in entry 6 and 7 both starting materials could be recovered. Though, in none of the investigated conditions product formation was observed. Spontaneous crystallization of the fractions collected from chromatography of the reaction mixture of entry 4 helped to unravel the reason the reaction was failing. The X-Ray structure is depicted in Figure 3 and reveals that Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> appears to form a stable organopalladium complex with **7** after oxidative addition. We thus speculate that the complex is too unreactive to undergo transmetalation under all the investigated conditions.

**Table 1: Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling of 5b and 7 under various conditions.**

Entry	Palladium Source	Ligand	Base	Conditions <sup>1</sup>	Results <sup>2</sup>
1	PdAc <sub>2</sub>	dppf	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> , NEt <sub>3</sub>	THF, H <sub>2</sub> O, 16h, 80 °C	<b>5b</b> , defunctionalized <sup>3</sup> <b>5b</b>
2	PdAc <sub>2</sub>	TPPTS	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	MeCN, H <sub>2</sub> O, 1.5h, 120 °C	<b>5b</b> , defunctionalized <sup>3</sup> <b>5b</b>
3	PdAc <sub>2</sub>	dppf	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	dry THF, 16h, 80 °C	<b>5b</b>
4	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	AsPh <sub>3</sub>	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	dry THF, 16h, 80 °C	<b>5b</b>
5	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	AsPh <sub>3</sub>	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> , CsF	dry THF, 16h, 80 °C	<b>5b</b>
6	Peppsi- <sup>i</sup> Pr	as cat.	KOtBu	dry THF, 80 °C, 16h	<b>5b</b> and <b>7</b>
7	Peppsi- <sup>i</sup> Pr	as cat.	KOtBu	dioxane, 80 °C, 16h	<b>5b</b> and <b>7</b>

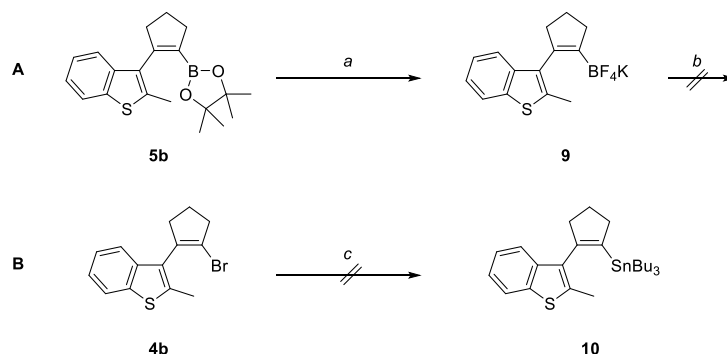
<sup>1</sup>all reactions were conducted under Argon atmosphere. <sup>2</sup>after chromatographic isolation and MS/NMR analysis. <sup>3</sup> cleavage of the C-Bpin bond to give C-H.



**Figure 3: X-ray structure of Pd(II) complex representing a stable intermediate of oxidative addition of the Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction (details see Appendix).**

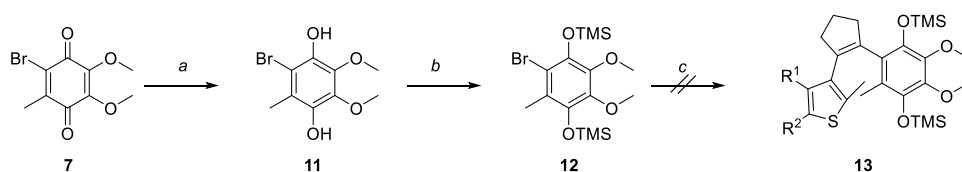
To enhance the reactivity of the cross-coupling reaction, we investigated the use of alternative precursors. As the standard Suzuki-Miyaura conditions were not successful, we tried to use the Molander variation and synthesized compound **9**, which was partly successful

(NMR analysis showed ca. 25% conversion of **5b** to **9**, Scheme 2, **A**).<sup>9</sup> The reaction mixture was directly subjected to cross-coupling conditions but again it resulted in no product formation. A very recently reported and more efficient dual photo and Nickel catalyzed variation of this reaction could not be employed, due to the broad absorption of the benzoquinone in the visible range.<sup>10, 11</sup> In addition, we examined Stille cross-coupling conditions. However, also in this case the synthesis of the starting material was challenging and resulted only in C-Br cleavage in compound **4b** (Scheme 2, **B**).



**Scheme 2: Derivatization of benzothiophenes **5b** and **4b**.** *a*:  $\text{KHF}_2$  (4 eq),  $\text{EtO}_2/\text{water}$ , r.t., 3.5 h, 25%. *b*: **7** (1 eq),  $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4$  (1.2 eq),  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  (0.1 eq), *dppf* (0.2 eq), TEA (0.4 eq), THF/water (5:1), 80 °C, Ar, 16 h. *c*: 1)  $n\text{-BuLi}$  (2.4 M, 1 eq), dry THF, -78 °C,  $\text{N}_2$ ; 2)  $\text{SnBuCl}_3$  (1 eq), -78 °C to r.t.,  $\text{N}_2$ , 2 h.

As also these reactions did not give access to **8b**, we suspected that the observed low reactivity could be originated from the non-aromatic character of benzoquinone **7**. Thus, we decided to synthesize the aromatic compound **12** through reduction and subsequent protection of **7** (Scheme 3). We first reduced **7** to hydroquinone **11**, followed by TMS protection resulting in compound **12**. Unfortunately, also the aromatic derivative **12** could not be coupled to borate **5b**.

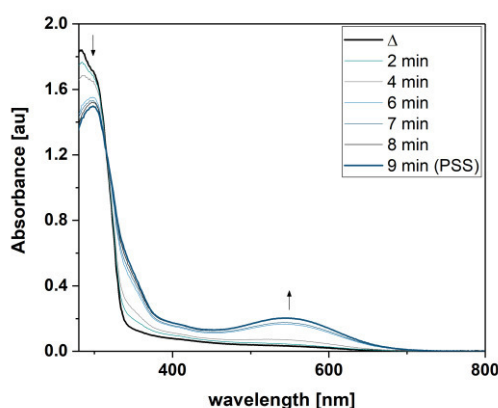


**Scheme 3: Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction after reduction and protection of **7**.** *a*:  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_4$  (7.5 eq),  $\text{EtO}_2/\text{water}$ , r.t., 16 h, 69%. *b*: DBU (2.5 eq),  $\text{TMSCl}$  (2.2 eq), DCM, r.t., 1.5 h, 20%. *c*:  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ ,  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (3 eq), THF,  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  (20%, aq), 80 °C, Ar, 16h.

As the synthesis of compound **8b** remained challenging, we decided to focus on the further characterization of compound **8a**.

## II.2.2.2 UV/Vis spectroscopy

The UV/Vis spectrum of compound **8a** in DMSO shows a main absorption band around 280 nm. Upon irradiation with 312 nm wavelength, a new maximum at 545 nm arises, which can be attributed to the ring closed isomer (Figure 4).<sup>12</sup> No clear isosbestic point can be assigned due to the spectra of the two isomers overlap over a relatively broad area (around 317 nm).



**Figure 4:** UV/Vis spectra of **8a** in DMSO (black) and stepwise irradiation with 312 nm from the thermal equilibrium ( $\Delta$ ) to reach PSS after 9 min.

The PSS of the compound only contained 14% of the ring-opened isomer, indicating good photoswitching properties (HPLC trace, see Figure 5). However, two new peaks were formed according to HPLC traces. Irradiation of the sample with light of 535 nm inducing ring-opening revealed that only one of the two species could be switched reversible; *ca.* half of the isomerization product was irreversibly generated (*cf.* Table 2). Hence, already after two irradiation cycles mainly irreversible formed side-product was present in the reaction mixture (Figure 5 and Table 2). The Hecht group reported, the observed phenomenon is frequent when phenyl substituted DAEs are used.<sup>13</sup> This could potentially be improved using more electron with-drawing substituents on the thiophene moiety or a benzothiophene motif.<sup>13, 14</sup>

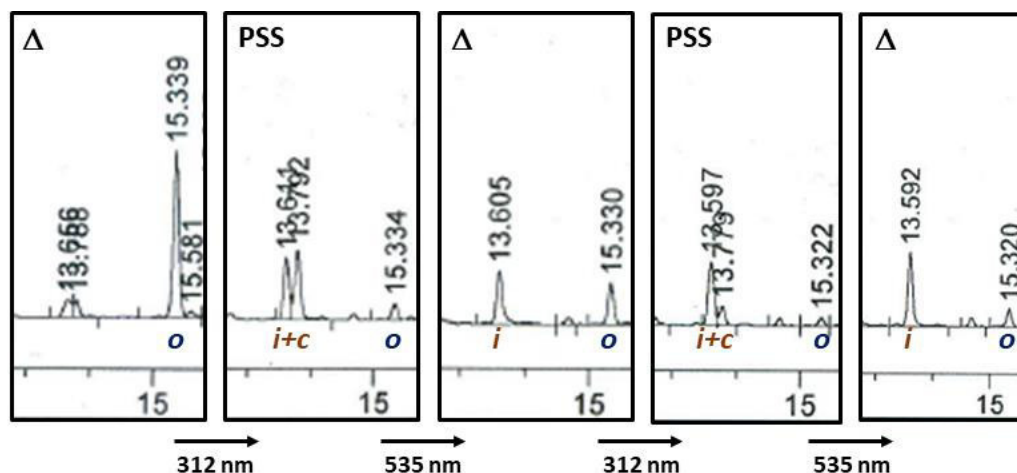


Figure 5: HPLC trace of different irradiation cycles of compound **8a** in 1,4 dioxane at 317 nm.

Table 2: Distribution of photo isomers over several isomerization cycles (normalized HPLC areas, traces see Figure 4).

Entry	Cycle	<b>8a<sup>o</sup></b>	<b>8a<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>8a<sup>i</sup></b>
1	Δ	100%	0%	0%
2	PSS	14%	38%	48%
3	Δ	41%	0%	59%
4	PSS	10%	21%	69%
5	Δ	21%	0%	79%

## II.2.3 Summary

In summary, we synthesized an unsymmetrical DAE as photochromic CoQ mimetic, compound **8a**. In contrast to first-generation of Coenzyme Q switches, the PSS of **8a** was significantly higher (86% instead of 52% in DMSO). However, a large amount of the formed photoisomers turned out to be an irreversible generated side-product. HPLC analysis of the photoinduced reaction showed clearly that irradiation of the compound first led to photoisomerisation and, in a second reaction step, in the quantitative formation of a by-product as reported for similar compounds. Hence, the fatigue resistance of compound **8a** is still limited. Moreover, we investigated the synthesis of a benzoquinone derivative as this molecular structure is known to enhance the fatigue resistance of photochromic compounds.<sup>14</sup> However, the final Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction was challenging. X-Ray crystallography revealed that the reaction stopped after the formation of the benzoquinone-Pd(II)-Br intermediate. As this challenge could not be overcome yet, the



search for a photo-stabilizing counter moiety is still open. Having this in hand, it would probably enable to access a photochromic Coenzyme Q derivative with similar high PSS, as we found during this study, but with enhanced fatigue resistance, hence, providing a proper tool compound to modulate the redox state within the respiratory chain of cells.

## II.2.4 Experimental Part

### *2-Bromo-5,6-dimethoxy-3-methylcyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-dione (7)*

Compound **6** (1.5 g, 8.24 mmol) was dissolved in dry Et<sub>2</sub>O (130 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere and cooled to 0 °C. Then, bromine (870 µL, 16.48 mmol) dissolved in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (10 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min and then, sulfuric acid (50 mL, conc.) was added. Stirring was continued at the same temperature for 1 h before the reaction was heated to ambient temperature and poured onto ice. The aqueous phase was extracted with ether (2 x 50 mL). The combined organic phases were treated with AgO<sub>2</sub> (5.0 g, 21.42 mmol) and stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The solids were filtered off and the organic phase dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solution was concentrated *in vacuo* and the crude product was purified through automated column chromatography (25 to 50% EtOAc in PE) to give a red crystalline solid.

Yield: 1.14 g, 4.37 mmol, 53%. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ = 4.04 (s, 3H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.56 (s, 3H). CI-MS: calculated: 261.07; found: 261.1 (M<sup>•+</sup>, 100%).

### *2,3-dimethoxy-5-methyl-6-(2-(2-methyl-5-phenylthiophen-3-yl)cyclopent-1-en-1-yl)cyclo-hexa-2,5-diene-1,4-dione (8a)*

A crimp top vial was equipped with pinacolato ester **5a** (81 mg, 0.221 mmol), benzoquinone **7** (58 mg, 0.221 mmol), K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (56 mg, 0.265 mmol), PdOAc<sub>2</sub> (5 mg, 0.022 mmol), dppf (13 mg, 0.022 mmol), TEA (80 µL, 0.884 mmol), THF (10 mL) and water (2 mL), purged with argon for three minutes and sealed. The vial was heated to 80 °C for 16 h, cooled to room temperature and diluted with EtOAc (10 mL) and water (10 mL). The phases were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (2 x 10 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The crude compound was purified through MPLC (3 to 100% EtOAc in petroleum ether, then 40 to 100% MeCN in H<sub>2</sub>O/0.05% TFA). The product was obtained as brown solid.

Yield: 4 mg, 0.01 mmol, 1%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ = 7.48 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.70 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ = 184.4 (q), 183.7 (q), 144.5 (q),

144.4 (q), 140.7 (q), 140.4 (q), 139.3 (q), 135.8 (q), 134.5 (q), 134.2 (q), 133.4 (q), 128.8 (+), 127.2 (+), 125.4 (+), 123.2 (+), 61.1 (+, both methoxy CH<sub>3</sub>), 38.4 (-), 38.1 (-), 23.6 (-), 14.6 (+), 13.3 (+). IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2922 (s), 2855 (m), 1703 (s), 1687 (s), 1439 (s), 160 (s), 1025 (s), 760 (s). ESI-MS: calculated: 420.1395 found: 863.3 (2MNa<sup>+</sup>, 65%), 443.1 (MNa<sup>+</sup>, 15%), 421.1 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%); HR-MS: 421.1473 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%). R<sub>f</sub>: 0.86 (40% EtOAc in petroleum ether).

*Potassium tetrafluoro(2-(2-methylbenzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)cyclopent-1-en-1-yl)-15-borate (9)*

Compound **5b** (52 mg, 0.153 mmol) was dissolved in Et<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL). KHF<sub>2</sub> (36 mg, 0.459 mmol) in water (0.25 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was vigorously stirred for 3.5 h, then acetone (5 mL) and water (5 mL) was added. The phases were separated, and the organic phase was concentrated in high vacuum. The solids were re-dissolved in acetone and precipitated with ether.<sup>9</sup>

A control fluorine NMR was recorded, and the compound was directly employed for Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling with compound **7**.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  = -150.8.

*2-Bromo-5,6-dimethoxy-3-methylbenzene-1,4-diol (11)*

Compound **7** (800 mg, 3.06 mmol) was dissolved in EtO<sub>2</sub> (60 mL). A solution of Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (4.00 g, 22.98 mmol) in water (40 mL) was added dropwise at room temperature and stirred for 16 h. The phases were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 x 10 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The volatiles were evaporated *in vacuo* and the crude product was obtained as a beige crystalline solid and could be used without further purification and directly converted to compound **12**.

Yield: 560 mg, 2.13 mmol, 69%. ESI-MS: calculated: 261.98; found: 264.0 (M<sup>+</sup>, <sup>81</sup>Br, 100%), 262.0 (M<sup>+</sup>, <sup>79</sup>Br, 98%), 249.0 (M<sup>+</sup>, <sup>81</sup>Br, 90%), 247.0 (M<sup>+</sup>, <sup>79</sup>Br, 88%). Melting point: 144 °C. R<sub>f</sub>: 0.96 (50% EtOAc in petroleum ether).

*((2-Bromo-5,6-dimethoxy-3-methyl-1,4-phenylene)bis(oxy))bis(trimethylsilane) (12)*

Compound **11** (260 mg, 0.99 mmol) was dissolved in DCM (25 mL). TMSCl (2.17 mmol, 276  $\mu$ L), followed by DBU (2.47 mmol, 369  $\mu$ L) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 1.5 h. After no further conversion could be observed through TLC control water (10 mL) was added and the phases were separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with DCM (2 x 10 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.

The volatiles were evaporated *in vacuo* and the crude product was purified through MPLC (0 to 45% EtOAc in petroleum ether). The pure product was obtained as colorless solid.

Yield: 82 mg, 0.2 mmol, 20%. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  = 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 0.27 (s, 9H), 0.22 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  = 143.6 (q), 142.7 (q), 141.6 (q), 141.2 (q), 124.7 (q), 112.8 (q), 60.2 (+), 60.0 (+), 16.7 (+), 0.1 (+), 0.0 (+). IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2956 (w), 1461 (m), 1428 (s), 1248 (s), 1249 (s), 1193 (w), 1133 (w), 1092 (s), 834 (s). ESI-MS: calculated: 406.06; found: 408.1 (M<sup>+</sup>, <sup>81</sup>Br, 90%), 406.1 (M<sup>+</sup>, <sup>79</sup>Br, 85%), 378.1 (M<sup>+</sup>, <sup>81</sup>Br, 100%), 376.1 (M<sup>+</sup>, <sup>79</sup>Br, 95%). Melting point: 55 °C. R<sub>f</sub>: 0.89 (50% EA in petroleum ether).

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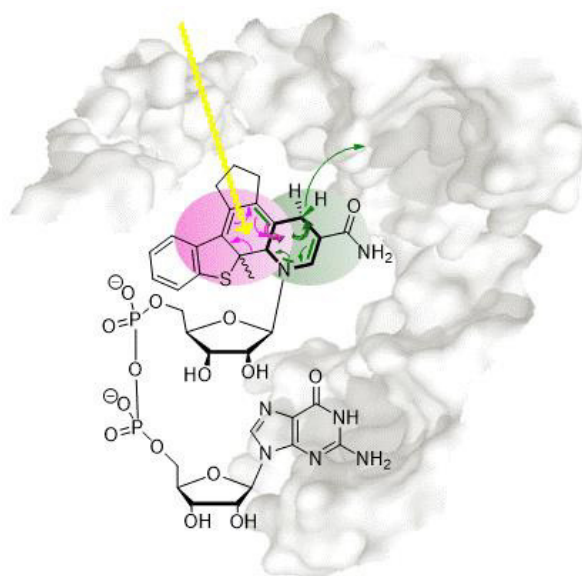
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## II.3 Towards Photocontrollable NAD<sup>+</sup> Analogues

### Abstract

Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide is a ubiquitous cofactor in the cell that is crucially involved in energy production and many biotransformations. However, its concentration can only be regulated by enhanced biosynthesis or consumption so far. Hence, a direct interference with the system of investigation is unavoidable. To be able to stimulate the system from the outside, we suggest the use of photoswitchable derivatives. Consequently, we developed photochromic nicotine amides merging the redox active structure with a photocontrollable dithienyl ethene. This structural combination links the light-mediated reaction of the photochromic part directly to the redox reaction generating two states: an unaltered and a redox-locked isomer. We will demonstrate the synthesis, spectroscopic and electrochemical investigation of the compounds and finally show their application in redox chemistry.



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### II.3.1 Introduction and Aim

Redox cofactors such as nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide ( $\text{NAD}^+$ ) are ubiquitous in the cell and are involved in many cellular processes. They facilitate, for example, transhydrogenation reactions catalyzed by oxireductases, by either accepting or providing electrons. Moreover, they act as activated electron carriers for the oxidation of metabolites in aerobic organisms. The energy released from the digestion of carbohydrates, fatty acids or other metabolites is stored in nicotinamide adenine  $\text{NAD}^+$  or its reduced form NADH, respectively.<sup>1-4</sup>

More recently, the full extent of the cellular impact of redox cofactors began to emerge with the identification of  $\text{NAD}^+$  consuming proteins such as sirtuins. Cantó *et al.* reported that there is evidence that the activity of such enzymes is modulated by the availability of  $\text{NAD}^+$  and therefore coherent with metabolic shifts of the  $\text{NAD}^+/\text{NADH}$  redox state.<sup>5, 6</sup> To investigate this correlation the  $\text{NAD}^+/\text{NADH}$  redox state has to be artificially altered.<sup>5</sup> This can be done through *e.g.* enhancing  $\text{NAD}^+$  production in the organism by providing a precursor such as nicotinamide for its synthesis or by reducing  $\text{NAD}^+$  level, stimulating the activity of  $\text{NAD}^+$  consuming proteins.<sup>7-9</sup> However, all these approaches require an irreversible, external interaction with the protein system. Moreover, only few studies have described how  $\text{NAD}^+$  precursors influence the  $\text{NAD}^+$  level so far. Hence, the  $\text{NAD}^+$  level will probably be changed in the whole cell as a consequence of the increased precursor concentration and could not be limited to a single cellular compartment.<sup>5</sup> The natural  $\text{NAD}^+$  level, on the other hand, differs in the various compartments.<sup>10</sup> Hence, a controlled alteration of the  $\text{NAD}^+/\text{NADH}$  level would be beneficial to determine the impact of the redox state on the state of action of certain enzymes, such as sirtuins, and on the whole cell.

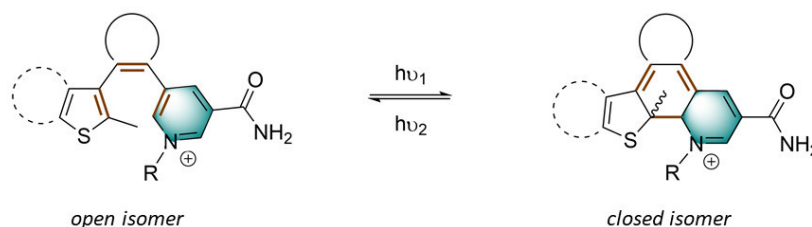
A proper tool compound, which can be easily controlled to reversibly and spatiotemporally regulate the  $\text{NAD}^+$  level within the cell, would be essential to cope with the challenge of the investigation of the  $\text{NAD}^+$  level. In a previous study, we reported on the use of light as an external trigger to control the redox properties of a diarylethene (DAE) derivative of Coenzyme Q.<sup>11</sup> The usage of light as a stimulant is particularly appealing as it is non-invasive in many chemical and biochemical systems, and easily controllable regarding space and time of action.<sup>12</sup> Using suitable functionalized photochromic compounds as mediators, light can be effectively utilized even in complex biological systems. In the past two decades, many studies have taken advantage of this concept, contributing to the growing field of *photopharmacology*.<sup>13-15</sup> In this manner, for instance microtubuli modulators,<sup>16</sup> photoswitchable

fatty acids,<sup>17</sup> photochromic enzyme ligands<sup>18-20</sup> and last but not least cofactor mimetics such as ATP,<sup>21</sup> pyridoxal-5'-phosphate and,<sup>22</sup> Coenzyme Q mimetics<sup>11</sup> have been developed. Both our previously presented Coenzyme Q mimetic<sup>11</sup> and the bispyridinium DAE reported by Branda and coworkers<sup>23</sup> exhibit a DAE derivative as a light-controllable redox lock. Similarly, we endeavored in developing photochromic NAD<sup>+</sup> mimetics incorporating the redox-active nicotine amide subunit into a DAE to subject its redox properties under the control of light.

## II.3.2 Results and Discussion

### II.3.2.1 Design

To gain photocontrol over the pyridinium-dihydropyridine redox system, we envisioned to merge a photochromic DAE system with the heteroaromatic structure as depicted in Figure 1. Thereby, two of the six electrons, which are involved in the 3,3'-electrocyclic ring-closure reaction, are donated by the pyridinium moiety. Hence, they are part in both the photo-triggered electrocyclic reaction and the redox chemistry of the molecule. Through light-induced switching between the open and closed isomer of the molecule, we intended to alter the redox properties of the whole molecule and, in this way, subject it to photo-control.

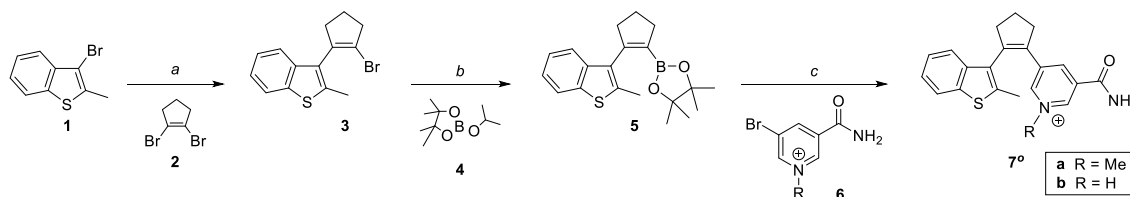


**Figure 1: Structural merge of the redox-active pyridinium moiety (blue) and an 3,3'-electrocyclic system (brown). Photo-induced ring-closure leads to a change of the electronic properties in the pyridinium moiety and hence, to an altered redox-behavior of the whole compound.**

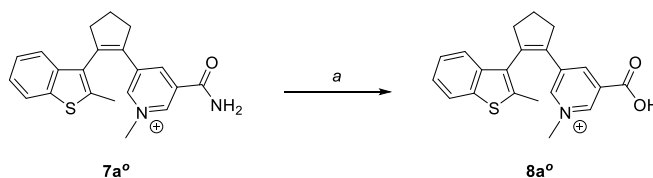
### II.3.2.2 Synthesis

The key reaction towards photochromic NAD<sup>+</sup> mimetics is a Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction of benzoquinone **5** onto the respective pyridine or pyridinium precursor **6** (Scheme 1). The pinacolato borate **5** could be synthesized in four steps from purchased benzothiophene following a procedure of Singer *et al.*<sup>24</sup> As coupling partner either 5-bromo nicotinamide (**6b**) or its methylated analogue (**6a**) was employed.<sup>25</sup> The conditions of the final cross-coupling reaction were adapted from published procedures.<sup>24</sup> However, we found that the amide functionality was prone to hydrolysis (resulting in **8**, Scheme 2) using

frequently utilized carbonate bases ( $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  or  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$ ). Employing  $\text{NaNH}_2$  though, led to reasonable yields of the desired nicotinamides **7a<sup>o</sup>** and **7b<sup>o</sup>**.



**Scheme 1: Synthesis of photochromic nicotinamides **7a<sup>o</sup>** and **7b<sup>o</sup>** via Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling.** *a:* 1)  $^n\text{BuLi}$  (1.6 M in hexane, 1.1 eq), dry THF,  $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\text{N}_2$ ; 2)  $\text{B}(\text{OBu})_3$  (1.1 eq),  $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  to r.t.; 3) compound 2 (0.8 eq),  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  (0.1 eq), dppf (0.2 eq),  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  (2M, aq), Ar,  $80\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , 16 h; *b:* 1)  $^n\text{BuLi}$  (1.6 M in hexane, 1.1 eq), THF,  $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ; 2) compound 4 (1.1 eq),  $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  to r.t., 2 h; *c:* compound 5 (1.2 eq), compound 6 (1 eq),  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  (0.1 eq), TPPTS (0.2 eq),  $\text{NaNH}_2$  or  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (7 eq),  $\text{H}_2\text{O}:\text{MeCN}$  (1:1), Ar,  $120\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , 2 h.



**Scheme 2: Hydrolysis of **7a** as side-reaction during palladium mediated cross-coupling.** *a:*  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  (0.1 eq), TPPTS (0.2 eq),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  or  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (7 eq),  $\text{H}_2\text{O}:\text{MeCN}$  (1:1), Ar,  $120\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , 2 h.

We continued our investigations with both **7a<sup>o</sup>**, **7b<sup>o</sup>** and **8a<sup>o</sup>**, all of them bearing a potential redox-active core (the pyridine or pyridinium, respectively).

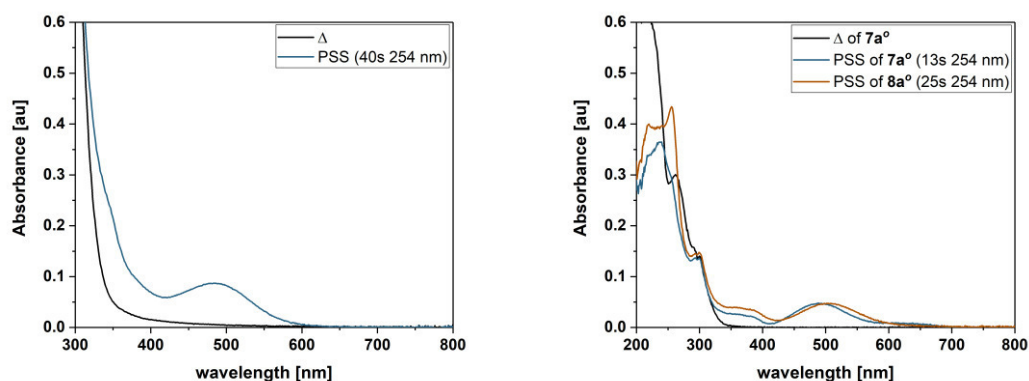
### II.3.2.3 Spectroscopy

We studied the photochromic behavior of the compounds in various solvents. Figure 2 exemplarily depicts the spectra of the pyridine **7b** (left, in DMSO) and, **7a** and **8a<sup>c</sup>** (right, in MeCN).

To trigger the electrocyclic ring-closure, UV-light of 254 nm was used in this case, as no prominent absorption band in the visible range of the UV-Vis absorption spectrum is present. Upon irradiation, the arising of a novel absorption band was observed around 486 nm (DMSO, **7b<sup>c</sup>**), 489 nm (MeCN, **7a<sup>c</sup>**) and 504 nm (MeCN, **8a<sup>c</sup>**), corresponding to the formation of the ring-closed isomer.<sup>26</sup> Isosbestic points at 296 nm (DMSO, **7b**), 246 nm (MeCN, **7a**) and 267 nm (MeCN, **8a**) indicate a clean monomolecular reaction. However, the closed isomers did not appear to be thermally stable, due to the aromatic stabilization energy of the pyridine or pyridinium sub-moiety of the switches.<sup>27,28</sup> Keeping the sample in the dark for several minutes resulted in the original spectrum of the ring-opened form in all



investigated molecules and solvents. Hence, determination of the contribution to the PSSs was not feasible. Even though the switching of the compounds was reversible, it was accompanied by photobleaching, especially over longer irradiation times (*vide infra* Figure 4 *right* for compound **11**). This could be due to the instability of the compounds in general or to the use of highly energetic UV-light of 254 nm.



**Figure 2:** UV-Vis absorption spectra of *left:* **7b** in DMSO (50µM) and *right:* **7a** (25µM, black: open form, blue: closed form) **8a**<sup>c</sup> (25µM, brown) in MeCN.

#### II.3.2.4 Cyclic Voltammetry

To estimate the redox potentials of photoswitches **7a**<sup>o</sup>, **7b**<sup>o</sup> and **8a**<sup>o</sup>, we performed cyclic voltammetry and compared the obtained potentials with other pyridines or pyridinium salts. The results are summarized in Table 1.

**Table 1: Redox potential of various pyridines and pyridinium derivative. (determined by CV measurements in MeOH or MeOH/water + 0.1M Bu<sub>4</sub>NBF<sub>4</sub> using ferrocene (0.005M) as internal standard).**

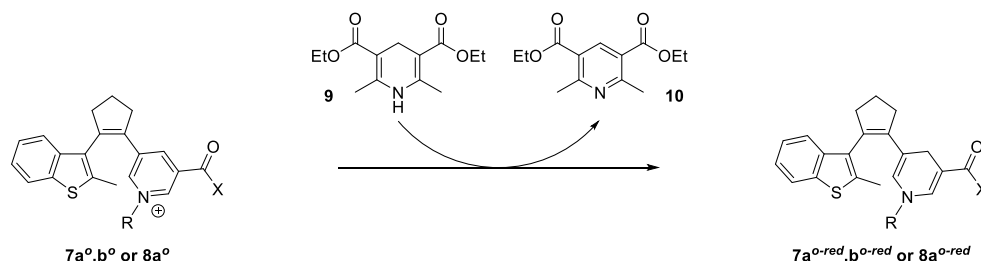
Compound	Potential VS SCN [V] <sup>29</sup>	
Vitamin C	0.58	
NADH	1.23	1.72
Hantzsch ester (9)	0.76	
NAD <sup>+</sup>	-1.20	-1.35
<b>7a</b> <sup>o</sup>	-0.05	-1.10
<b>7b</b> <sup>o</sup>	-1.33	
<b>8a</b> <sup>o</sup>	-0.47	-1.12

Comparing the potentials of our synthesized pyridine and pyridinium derivatives with the parent compound, NAD<sup>+</sup>, we found that all photochromic compounds exhibit oxidative properties. However, the three photoswitches are weaker in oxidation strength than NAD<sup>+</sup>. Surprisingly, the nicotine amide derivative **7b**<sup>o</sup>, which is more electron rich than **7a**<sup>o</sup> or **8a**<sup>o</sup>,

shows the lowest potential (-1.33 V) being almost equal to  $\text{NAD}^+$  (-1.20 V and -1.34 V). Indeed, the photoswitches should be able to serve as oxidant in chemical redox reactions.

### II.3.2.5 Reactions with Hantzsch ester and other reducing agents

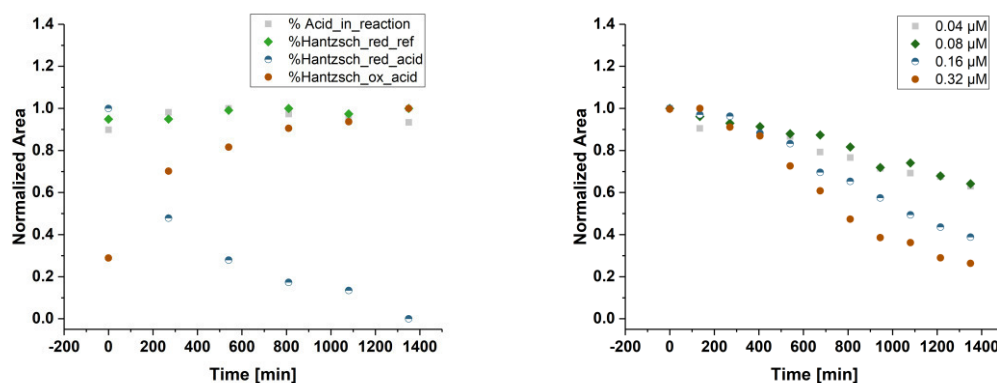
In a preliminary screening we tried to react the obtained photoswitches with different reducing agents. Inspired by the parent compound,  $\text{NAD}^+$ , we treated the switches with its reduced form, NADH, (*i.e.* respiratory chain, or oxireductases)<sup>5</sup> and its natural reaction partner Vitamin C (*i.e.* Krebs Cycle),<sup>30</sup> and the classical chemical reductant Hantzsch ester (for the potentials, see Table 1). We analyzed the reactions using HPLC-DAD and LC-ESI-MS, but no reduction of the photoswitches was observed. However, a particular case was found in the reaction with the Hantzsch ester. Indeed, we found that the reducing agent was converted into its oxidized counterpart (the other reducing agents could not be analyzed in the same conditions, as the analytical window was not adequate, *i.e.* the compounds eluted from LC column within the dead time). Hence, we intended to investigate this reaction in more detail and incubated photoswitch **7a<sup>o</sup>**, **7b<sup>o</sup>** and **8b<sup>o</sup>** with Hantzsch ester **9** in MeOH, MeCN or DMSO, respectively (Scheme 3).



**Scheme 3: Redox reaction of photoswitch **7a<sup>o</sup>**, **7b<sup>o</sup>** and **8b<sup>o</sup>** with an excess of Hantzsch ester **9**.**

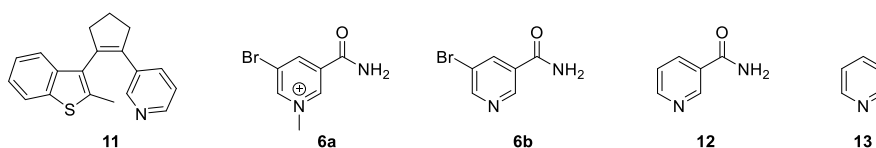
We found that the compounds were able to oxidize Hantzsch ester **9** (*cf.* left, Figure 3 compound **8b<sup>o</sup>** in MeOH, **7a<sup>o</sup>**, **7b<sup>o</sup>** and analogous reactions in MeCN and DMSO see Appendix). However, according to HPLC-DAD traces and LC-ESI-MS studies, no reduced photoswitch was found. Moreover, using an excess of Hantzsch ester (5 eq) in our study, we still saw quantitative conversion of **9** into its oxidized counterpart. Control experiments using only Hantzsch ester under these conditions did not lead to any conversion, substantiating the suspicion that the compounds could act as a catalyst in this reaction. Indeed, increasing the concentration of the switch in the reaction goes hand in hand with an increase in the rate of the reaction (*right*, Figure 3). However, formation of a sacrificial oxidant was not found in the reaction mixture (LC-ESI-MS for organic molecules, head-space GC for  $\text{H}_2$  detection). Additionally, we investigated the influence of light on the reaction forming the presumably

unreactive closed isomer or the photobleaching product *in situ*. Comparing the conversion of **9** of samples with and without irradiation showed that irradiated samples were approximately oxidized 15-40% less (corrected for the background reaction of Hantzsch ester under irradiation, see Section A.II.3.4. in the Appendix).

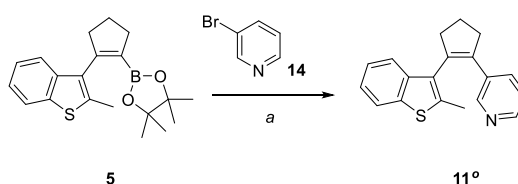


**Figure 3:** *left:* Kinetic profile of Hantzsch ester oxidation through compound **8a°** (3.3  $\mu\text{M}$  in MeOH); relative amount of **8a°** (gray) **9** (blue) and **10** (brown) in the reaction mixture and **9** without addition of **8a°** (green) under the same conditions; *right:* Kinetic profile of Hantzsch ester oxidation at different concentrations of **7a°** (in MeOH).

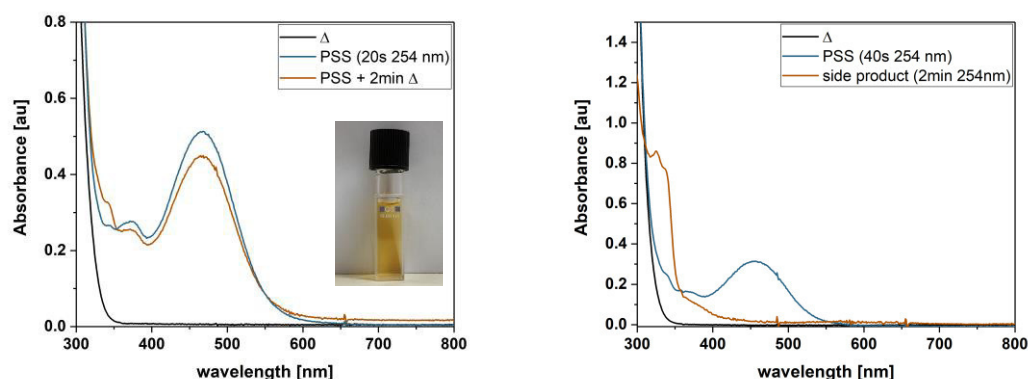
To obtain more insight into the reaction, we intended to investigate which part of the molecule was crucial for the oxidation. Hence, we reacted various pyridines and substituted pyridines (Chart 1) analogous to the photoswitches **7a°**, **7b°** and **8a°** with Hantzsch ester. Additionally, we synthesized compound **11** (Chart 1) applying the same procedure as for the other photoswitches (Scheme 4) and reacted the molecule with **9**. Beforehand, we tested the photochromic behavior of the compound and found similar characteristics as in **7a°**, **7b°** and **8a°**, apart from its absorption maximum that was hypsochromically shifted (Figure 4).



**Chart 1:** Pyridines and Pyridinium salt to be reacted with Hantzsch ester.

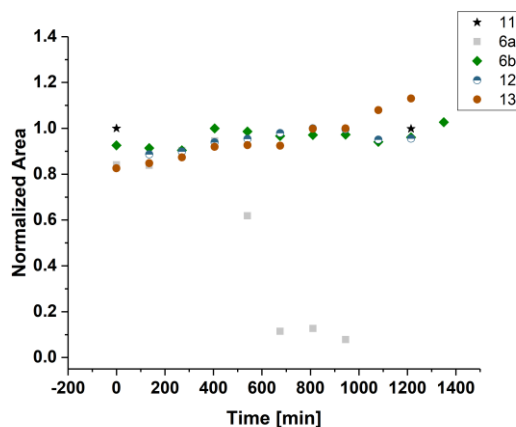


**Scheme 4:** Synthesis of unfunctionalized pyridine switch **11**. *a:* compound **5** (1.2 eq), compound **14** (1 eq),  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  (0.1 eq), TPPTS (0.2 eq),  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (7 eq),  $\text{H}_2\text{O}:\text{MeCN}$  (1:1), Ar, 120  $^\circ\text{C}$ , 2 h.



**Figure 4:** UV-Vis absorption spectra of  $11^{\circ}$  in *left:* MeOH (100  $\mu$ M) and MeCN (100  $\mu$ M).

In the reaction with the Hantzsch ester (**9**) under the same conditions as prior (MeOH as solvent), we found that only bromo-pyridinium ion **6a** can undergo a reaction with the reductant. The other compounds, bromo-pyridine **6b**, nicotine amide (**12**) and pyridine (**13**) are not able to oxidize **9** under the reaction conditions. Similar behavior was found for the simplified photoswitch **11** (black stars, Figure 5, beginning and final concentration of **9** was measured).



**Figure 5:** Kinetic profile of Hantzsch ester oxidation through compounds **11-14**.

Hence, the photoswitches **7a<sup>o</sup>**, **b<sup>o</sup>** and **8a<sup>o</sup>** undergo a reaction with Hantzsch ester. Thereby, also unmethylated **7b<sup>o</sup>** was reacting. Additional methylation leads to even more electron poor compounds resulting in a faster conversion. Furthermore, the reaction of compound **6a** and the inertness of **11<sup>o</sup>** shows that attachment of the photoswitch is not crucial for the oxidation of **9**.

### II.3.3 Conclusion

In summary, we have merged a DAE with nicotinamides and nicotinamide salts as a model for the  $\text{NAD}^+/\text{NADH}$  system. In particular, we synthesized four different photoswitches (**7a°**, **b°**, **8a°** and **11°**) and investigated their photochromic behavior. All compounds could be isomerized in MeCN, MeOH and DMSO upon irradiation, or thermally. However, longer irradiation times led to the photobleaching of the compounds. The ring-closed isomer is formed *via* the electrocyclic ring-closure disrupting the aromaticity of the pyridine (or pyridinium) moiety. Thus, it is thermally not stable under ambient conditions and the PSS could not be assigned. Cyclic voltammetry allowed to determine the redox potentials of compounds **7a°**, **b°** and **8a°** and revealed that they could be feasible oxidants. Consequently, we found that the Hantzsch ester could be oxidized quantitatively in a model reaction with the photoswitches. However, according to LS-ESI-MS the photoswitch remained unaltered. Further investigations revealed that addition of only a sub-stoichiometric amount of the photoswitch slows the reaction down but still facilitates full conversion of the reductant leading to the conclusion that the switches can act as catalysts. Finally, we investigated the influence of the irradiation (hence, initiating a ring-closure or rather bleaching reaction, which should result in an inactivated catalyst) of the reaction mixture on the conversion. We found that the total conversion of the Hantzsch ester was decreased upon irradiation. However, under treatment with 254 nm light, also a significant background reaction of the reductant was observed. Hence, a clear assignment of the occurrences and further structural optimizations of the presented photoswitches are indispensable to finally result in a fully photocontrollable  $\text{NAD}^+$  mimetic.

### II.3.4 Experimental

#### *General procedure for Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling*

A crimp top vial was equipped with functionalized Benzothiophene **5** (100 mg, 0.296 mmol, 1.2 eq), the appropriate nicotinamide **6a** or **6b** (0.246 mmol, 1 eq) and,  $\text{NaNH}_2$  (28 mg, 1.722 mmol, 7 eq) and flushed with argon. An argon purged mixture of MeCN and water (1:1, 3 mL) was added and the suspension was once again purged with argon. Then, TPPTS (28 mg, 0.049 mmol, 0.2 eq) and  $\text{PdAc}_2$  (6 mg, 0.025 mmol, 0.1 eq) were added and the vial was sealed. The reaction mixture was heated to 120 °C for 1.5 h. After cooling to ambient temperature, the dark yellow solution was filtered and directly purified through preparative

HPLC (MeCN in water/0.05% TFA ; gradient 5 to 98% in 20 min). The products were obtained as yellow solids.

*3-Carbamoyl-1-methyl-5-(2-(2-methylbenzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)cyclopent-1-en-1-yl)pyridin-1-ium (7a<sup>o</sup>)*

Yield: 47 mg (0.135 mmol, 55%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ = 8.99 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.52 (t, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.50 – 8.42 (m, 1H), 7.86 – 7.76 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 4.20 (s, 3H), 3.16 (tq, *J* = 7.0, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 3.07 – 2.98 (m, 1H), 2.98 – 2.85 (m, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.30 (ttd, *J* = 8.6, 6.8, 1.9 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ = 165.5 (q), 145.5 (+), 144.6 (+), 143.8 (q), 141.4 (+), 140.5 (q), 139.1 (q), 139.0 (q), 138.5 (q), 135.1 (q), 135.0 (q), 129.7 (q), 125.8 (+), 125.6 (+), 123.5 (+), 122.9 (+), 49.3 (+, assigned through HSQC), 40.6 (-), 36.3 (-), 23.5 (-), 14.5 (+). ESI-MS: calculated: 349.4700; found: 349.1 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100%). HR-MS: 349.1373 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100%). IR:  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3191 (w), 3082 (w), 2363 (w), 1670 (s), 1431 (m), 1200 (m), 1126 (s), 801 (m), 723 (m). R<sub>f</sub>: 0.05 (10% MeOH in DCM).

*5-(2-(2-Methylbenzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)cyclopent-1-en-1-yl)nicotinamide (7b<sup>o</sup>)*

Yield: 49 mg (0.148 mmol, 60%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ = 8.67 (s, 1H), 8.21 (s, 1H), 8.14 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 3.20 – 3.12 (m, 1H), 3.10 – 3.02 (m, 1H), 3.02 – 2.94 (m, 1H), 2.87 – 2.77 (m, 1H), 2.30 – 2.20 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ = 169.3 (q), 150.0 (+), 148.6 (q), 146.2 (+), 140.3 (q), 140.1 (q), 138.8 (q), 137.8 (q), 137.0 (q), 135.5 (+), 131.2 (q), 125.5 (+), 125.2 (+), 123.2 (+), 123.0 (+), 101.2 (q), 40.2 (-), 36.8 (-), 23.7 (-), 14.3 (+). ESI-MS: calculated: 334.1100; found: 335.1 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%). HR-MS: 335.1216 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%). IR:  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3176 (w), 2918 (w), 2844 (w), 2356 (w), 1662 (s), 1595 (s), 1431 (m), 1394 (m), 1178 (s), 1129 (s), 731 (s), 678 (m). R<sub>f</sub>: 0.10 (10% MeOH in DCM).

*3-Carboxy-1-methyl-5-(2-(2-methylbenzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)cyclopent-1-en-1-yl)pyridin-1-ium (8a<sup>o</sup>)*

Yield: 30 mg (0.086 mmol, 35%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ = 9.09 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.75 (t, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.42 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.91 – 7.75 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.28 (ddd, *J* = 7.4, 5.0, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 4.30 (s, 3H), 3.15 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.10 – 3.00 (m, 1H), 2.97 – 2.89 (m, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.30 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 7.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ = 162.3 (+), 144.9 (+), 144.0 (+), 143.5 (q), 141.43 (q), 139.2 (q), 137.8 (q), 137.4 (q), 136.7 (q), 133.3 (q), 131.0 (q), 128.5 (q), 124.4 (+), 124.2 (+), 122.0 (+), 121.4 (+), 49.3 (-, assigned through HSQC), 39.3 (-), 34.8 (-), 22.05 (-), 13.0 (+). ESI-MS: calculated:

335.0980; found: 335.1 ( $M^+$ , 100%). HR-MS: 350.1212 ( $M^+$ , 100%). IR:  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3082 (w), 2930 (w), 1670 (m), 1394 (m), 1177 (s), 1121 (s), 764 (s), 719 (s).  $R_f$ : 0.05 (10% MeOH in DCM).

*3-(2-(2-methylbenzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)cyclopent-1-en-1-yl)pyridine (9)*

The crude product was purified through MPLC (0 to 60% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether).

The product was obtained as colorless powder. Yield (78 mg, 0.269 mmol, 89%).

$^1H$  NMR (300 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  = 8.29 – 8.11 (m, 2H), 7.80 – 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.50 (dt,  $J$  = 8.0, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.14 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.1, 4.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dddd,  $J$  = 15.6, 7.7, 5.3, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.05 – 2.86 (m, 2H), 2.82 – 2.67 (m, 1H), 2.32 – 2.10 (m, 5H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  = 148.3 (+), 147.8 (+), 140.4 (q), 140.3 (q), 138.6 (q), 137.4 (q), 136.6 (q), 136.0 (+), 135.1 (q), 131.7 (q), 125.4 (+), 125.1 (+), 124.9 (+), 123.2 (+), 123.1 (+), 40.2 (-), 36.9 (-), 23.8 (-), 14.3 (+). ESI-MS: calculated: 291.1082; found: 292.1 ( $MH^+$ , 100%). HR-MS: 292.1158 ( $MH^+$ , 100%). IR:  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3053 (m), 2945 (m), 2840 (m), 1562 (w), 1476 (w), 1435 (s), 1185 (w), 1148 (w), 1021 (m), 805 (m), 760 (s), 731 (s).  $R_f$ : 0.5 (40% EtOAc in petroleum ether).

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### III. PHOTOCHROMIC TOOLS FOR MULTIENZYME COMPLEXES

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# Chapter III

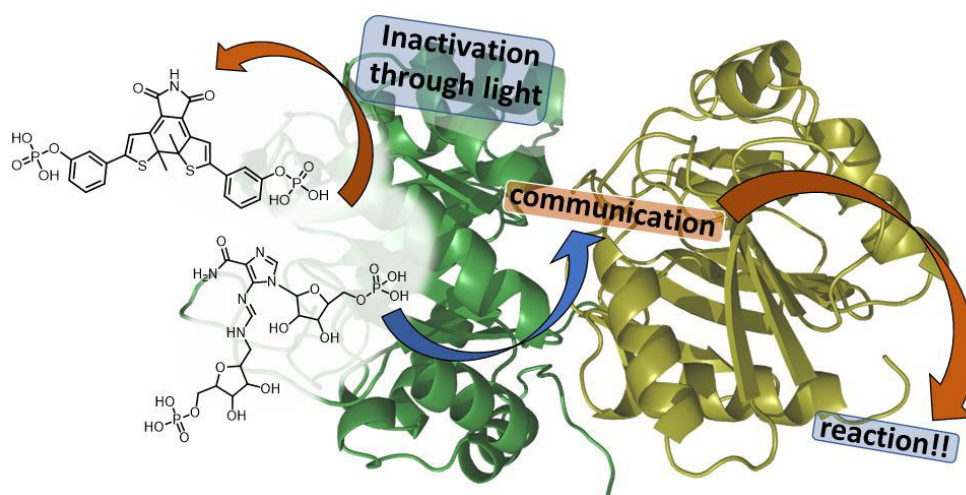
It's a dangerous business, Frodo, going out your door. You step onto the road, and, if you don't keep your feet, there's no knowing where you might be swept off.

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### III.1 Allosteric Regulation of the Imidazole Glycerol Phosphate Synthase Multienzyme Complex with Light-Controllable Ligands

#### Abstract:

Imidazole glycerol phosphate synthase is a bienzyme complex involved in the bifurcation step of the histidine and the *de novo* purine biosynthetic pathways. Therefore, a tightly allosterically regulated cooperation between both subunits of the multienzyme complex is crucial. Though being investigated for decades, the mechanism of the catalytic coupling has not been fully understood yet. We envisioned to subject the catalytic activity of one subunit to photocontrol, mimicking the binding mode of the parent ligand applying a photoswitchable analogue. In this manner, control of the coupled reaction would be feasible with spatiotemporal resolution. This could give crucial clues about the delicate interplay of both subunits and lead to novel insights into the mechanistic interactions of multienzyme complexes in general. Here, we describe the development of photo regulable ligands towards imidazole glycerol phosphate synthase based on both the diarylethene and the azo motif. We will focus on the synthesis of the target structures, highlight first results in biological testing and give insight in the mode of action of the presented ligand through molecular dynamic simulations.



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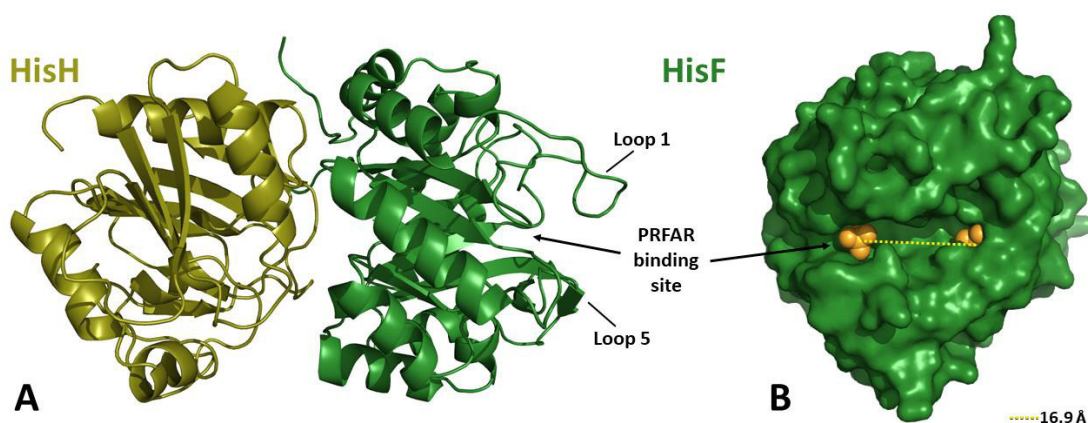
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### III.1.1 Introduction

Imidazole glycerol phosphate synthase (IGPS) is a bienzyme complex and belongs to the family of glutamine amidotransferases (GATs). In particular, IGPS is involved in the bifurcation step of the histidine and *de novo* purine biosynthetic pathways.<sup>1</sup> The enzyme complex consists of two subunits (Figure 1): the glutaminase subunit (HisH, a representative of the dyad glutaminases) hydrolyzes glutamine to glutamate and ammonia. The synthase subunit (HisF, also called cyclase subunit) catalyzes the addition of an amino group (originating from the cleaved ammonia of the HisH reaction) onto N'-[(5'-phosphoribulosyl)formimino]-5-aminoimidazole-4-carboxamide-ribonucleotide (PRFAR), which is subsequently cleaved into 5-aminoimidazole-4-carboxamide ribotide (AICAR) and imidazoleglycerolphosphate (ImGP).<sup>2</sup> To effectively use the ammonia molecule, which is transported through an intermolecular tunnel from the HisH to the HisF moiety, both subunits need to work in a concerted manner.<sup>1</sup> Indeed, IGPS is one of the most tightly regulated GATs known up to now using a mainly allosteric activation pathway.<sup>3</sup> A crucial element of the allosteric regulation process, is binding of PRFAR to the active site of HisF, which stimulates HisH activity approximately 300-fold.<sup>2</sup> Moreover, without presence of HisF the HisH subunit shows no measurable activity.<sup>3</sup> To cooperate, the glutaminase has to dock onto the N-terminal face of the cyclase to form IGPS and become catalytically functional.<sup>4</sup> However, the detailed mechanism of the allosteric coupling has not been fully understood yet.<sup>2</sup>

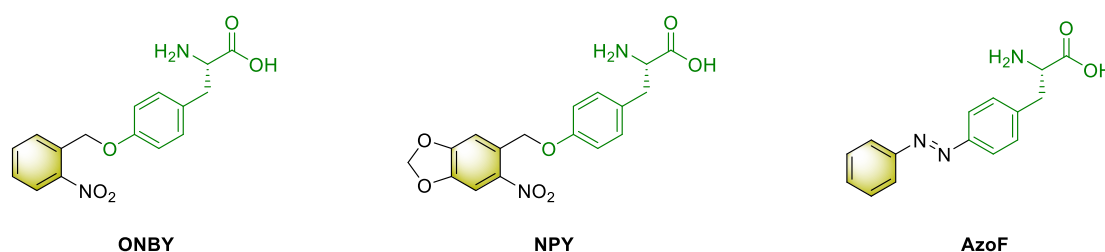


**Figure 1: Imidazole glycerol phosphate synthase (IGPS) is a bienzyme complex. A:** It consist of the HisH moiety (olive) and the HisF moiety (green). **B:** PRFAR binds in a deep groove in the HisF moiety. The two phosphate anchoring groups span a distance of 16.9Å,<sup>5</sup> shown in the crystal structure of IGPS obtained from *Thermotoga maritima* (protein data bank (pdb)-id: 1gpw).

The application of light-mediated tools in biochemical, biological, and even medicinal contexts has expanded rapidly in the past two decades.<sup>6, 7</sup> Astonishing examples in the

growing field of *photopharmacology* have demonstrated that light is a powerful tool in the inhibition of enzymes,<sup>8-11</sup> the assemble of lipid structures<sup>12</sup> or the control of cell survival,<sup>13</sup> as a few examples among many. Using light is especially appealing as it is easy to operate, incomparably fast and precise, and not interfering with most biotransformations. In general, two different approaches can be applied to photocontrol a system of interest.<sup>14</sup> In order to photoregulate enzyme activity, some of the studies focused on the use of small molecular photo responsive structures such as photolabile protecting groups (PLPGs) and photoswitches.<sup>15</sup> These structures can be incorporated into unnatural amino acids as well as into synthetical ligands. In order to light regulate IGPS activity, we set out to use these small molecular structures not only to control one of the two active sites directly, but also to control the second site allosterically.

The first strategy, which we will use to light regulate the allosteric communication of HisF and HisH, is based on the structural integration of photo addressable unnatural amino acids. In particular, amino acids, which have been shown previously to be crucially involved in the enzymes' interactions<sup>2</sup> or were identified through molecular dynamic (MD) simulations, respectively, will be exchanged (introduced *via* genetically adapted tRNAs following known strategies)<sup>16, 17</sup> with either photolabile protected analogous (ONBY or NPY)<sup>16</sup> or photoswitchable aminoacids (AzoF, Figure 2).<sup>17</sup> In this manner, either the *wildtype* structure will be disturbed by the presence of the PLPG, allowing its recovery after irradiation and photo-induced cleavage of the protecting group, or through conformational change affecting the *wildtype* structure of the photochromic amino acid side chain, respectively. The unnatural amino acids were either purchased (ONBY) or synthesized following known protocols (NPY, AzoF),<sup>16, 17</sup> hence they will not be discussed further within the scope of this thesis.

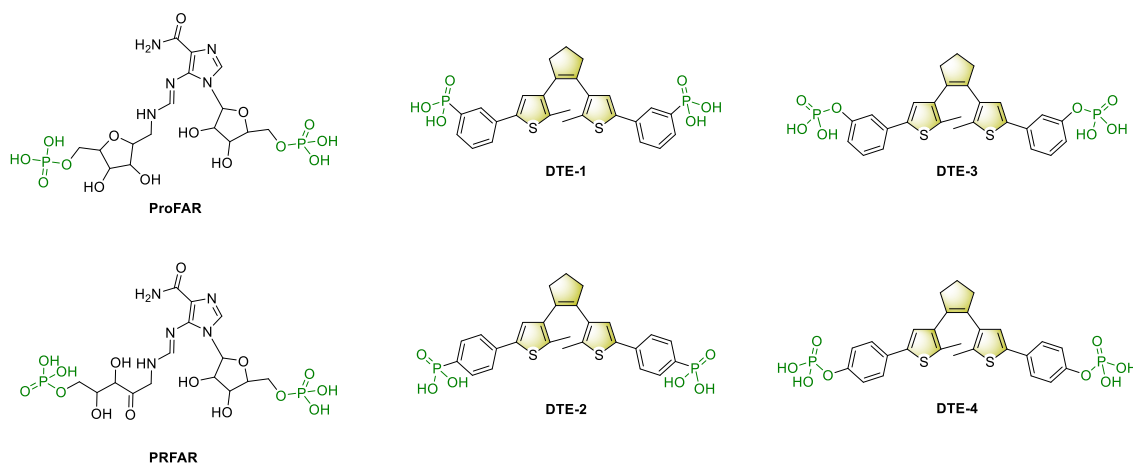


**Figure 2: The unnatural amino acids, which will be integrated into the enzyme's primary structure bearing either a PLPG (olive in ONBY and NPY) or a photochromic extension (olive in AzoF) on a natural amino acid (green: tyrosin for ONBY and NPY, phenylalanine for AzoF).**

Our second strategy is based on photochromic ligands towards IGPS. Whereas unnatural amino acids need to be introduced through genetical modifications, photochromic ligands



can lead to photocontrol through binding towards the *wildtype* of the enzyme of interest.<sup>15</sup> Indeed, good binding affinities of one photoisomer of the ligands and weaker binding of the other photoisomer is crucial to photoactivate or inactivate the target enzyme. Thus, the compounds must be well designed and need to possess strong interaction sites towards the biomolecule of interest.<sup>6</sup> In the IGPS system, the HisF substrate PRFAR is most suitable as a template to design photochromic ligands. Mainly two advantages favor PRFAR over glutamine: its binding constant is in the  $\mu\text{M}$  instead of the mM range, and it activates HisH activity allosterically, whereas glutamine has none such effect. Furthermore, the structure of ProFAR, the precursor molecule of PRFAR in histidine biosynthesis, had already been used previously to build a photochromic ligand.<sup>18</sup> Consequently, we decided to re-synthesize dithienylethenes (DTEs) **DTE1–4** (Figure 3) and investigate their binding modes as a starting point for our search of a photo addressable ligand, which should finally not only address its target enzyme, HisF, but also its coupled partner enzyme, HisH, through induction of allosteric interactions.



**Figure 3:** The bisphosphates **DTE1-4** were previously designed to mimic the binding mode of ProFAR, the precursor molecule of PRFAR, and will hence be the starting point of this study. They combine the bisphosphate motif of the parent ligand (green) with a photochromic DTE core (olive).

### III.1.2 Results and Discussion

#### III.1.2.1 Results of **DTE1-4**

##### III.1.2.1.1 Inhibition of HisF by DTE1–4

We first analyzed the binding of the ligands to HisF by determining  $IC_{50}$  values (which is the inhibitor concentration that causes 50% reduction in catalytic activity). For this purpose, activity measurements were performed where concentrations of **DTE1–4** in their ring-open and ring-closed states, respectively, were gradually increased, while PRFAR concentration

was kept constant at 7  $\mu\text{M}$  (about twofold of the Michaelis-Menten constant  $K_m$ ).<sup>2</sup> All ligands inhibited HisF with  $IC_{50}$  values in the low micro-molar range (see Table 1 and Appendix). However, **DTE3** stood out with an  $IC_{50}$  of only 0.5  $\mu\text{M}$  for the ring-opened form. Furthermore, all compounds showed modestly lower  $IC_{50}$  values (ranging between 1.2-fold and 2.7-fold) for the closed states compared to the open states.

In order to characterize the inhibitory effect of the DTE ligands on HisF further, thermodynamic inhibitory constants  $K_i$  were determined. For this purpose, PRFAR saturation curves were monitored in the presence of different ligand concentrations (see Appendix). For each substrate saturation curve, an apparent Michaelis-Menten constant  $K_m^{app}$  was determined (see Appendix), which was then used to calculate  $K_i$  assuming competitive inhibition. For comparison,  $K_i$  values were also calculated from the  $IC_{50}$  values. All ligands showed inhibition constants in the low micro-molar range (Table 1), similar or up to 18-fold lower than the  $K_m$  of PRFAR (3.6  $\mu\text{M}$ ).<sup>2</sup> Moreover, in agreement with  $IC_{50}$  measurements, **DTE3** showed the best inhibitory effect with a  $K_i$  of 0.2  $\mu\text{M}$  for the open form. Furthermore, for **DTE3** a 2.5-fold difference between open and closed state could be measured. The other ligands showed either much higher  $K_i$  values (**DTE2**) or no significant  $K_i$  differences between their open and closed forms (compounds **DTE1** and **DTE4**). As expected for competitive inhibition, the turnover numbers  $k_{cat}$  in the presence of ligand were the same as without inhibitor (Table 1).

**Table 1: Inhibition values ( $IC_{50}$  and  $K_i$ ) and  $k_{cat}$  values of the HisF reaction with compounds DTE1-4 in their ring-open and ring-closed states.**

Compound	$IC_{50}$ [ $\mu\text{M}$ ]	$K_i$ [ $\mu\text{M}$ ] <sup>a</sup>	$K_i$ [ $\mu\text{M}$ ] <sup>b</sup>	$k_{cat}$ [ $\text{s}^{-1}$ ]
<b>DTE1</b> – open	$4.0 \pm 0.2$	$2.0 \pm 0.3$	1.4	$1.3 \pm 0.1$
<b>DTE1</b> – closed	$7.9 \pm 0.9$	$1.8 \pm 0.1$	2.7	$1.4 \pm 0.0$
<b>DTE2</b> – open	$4.6 \pm 0.2$	$2.5 \pm 0.6$	1.6	$1.5 \pm 0.0$
<b>DTE2</b> – closed	$10.4 \pm 0.8$	$6.0 \pm 1.5$	3.5	$1.2 \pm 0.1$
<b>DTE3</b> – open	$0.5 \pm 0.0$	$0.2 \pm 0.0$	0.2	$1.4 \pm 0.1$
<b>DTE3</b> – closed	$1.2 \pm 0.1$	$0.5 \pm 0.1$	0.4	$1.5 \pm 0.1$
<b>DTE4</b> – open	$5.4 \pm 0.5$	$3.1 \pm 0.2$	1.8	$1.4 \pm 0.0$
<b>DTE4</b> – closed	$14.4 \pm 0.8$	$3.1 \pm 0.2$	4.9	$1.2 \pm 0.1$

<sup>a</sup>Calculated using the  $K_m^{app}$  values listed in Table A1 in the Section A.III.1.3. in the Appendix as described in III.1.4.4.. <sup>b</sup>Calculated using the  $IC_{50}$  values as described in the Appendix.

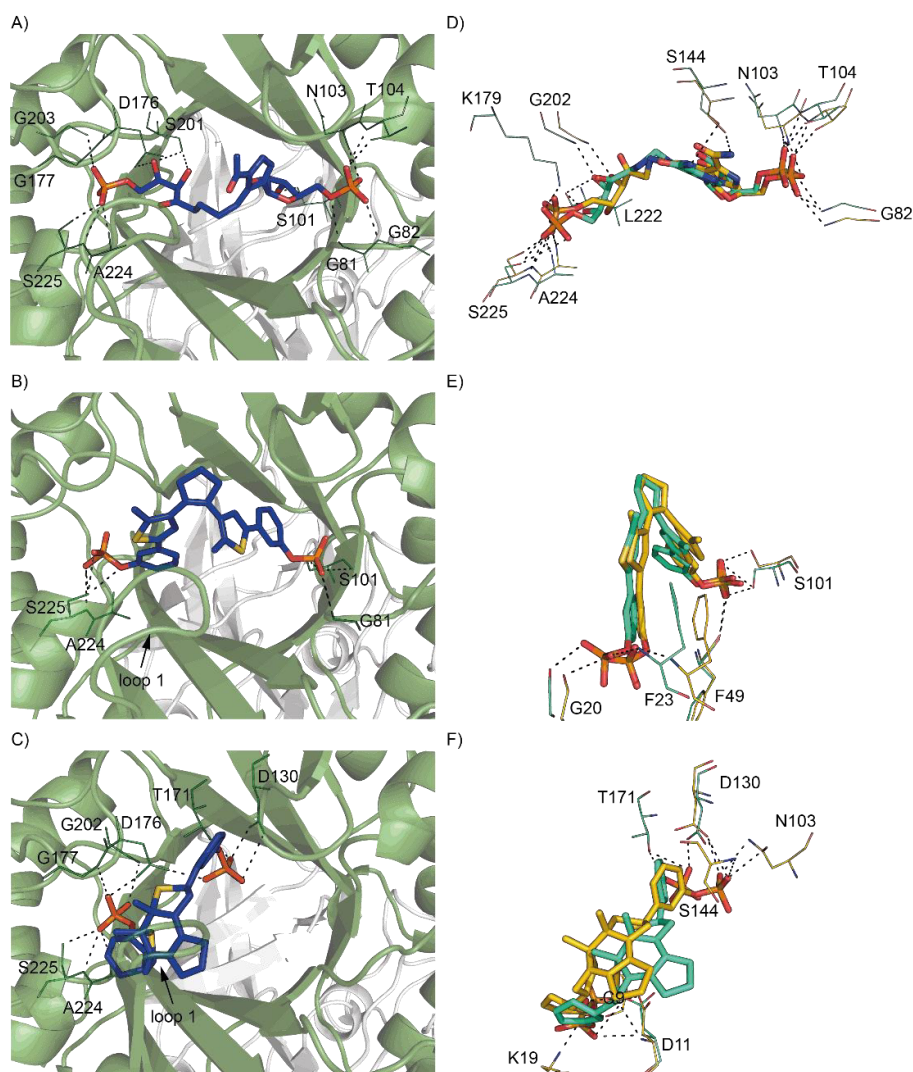
Altogether, **DTE3** (exhibiting phosphate groups in *meta*-position) was identified as the most effective competitive inhibitor of HisF. It showed not only a high inhibition capacity, but this property was also affected threefold by irradiation: switching from its flexible ring-opened to its rigid ring-closed state lowered its binding affinity for the active site of HisF.

#### III.1.2.1.2 Binding modes of DTE3 at the active site of HisF

We performed molecular dynamics simulations to further analyze how **DTE3** interacts with the active site of HisF and why the open conformation exhibits a stronger inhibitory effect than the closed one. For this purpose, PRFAR (as a reference; structure from pdb: 1ox5) and **DTE3** in its ring-open and ring-closed states were placed in the HisF active site of the IGPS complex (pdb-id 1gpw). To reach equilibration, movements were constrained to the various ligands in a 100 ps MD simulation, which led to the three conformations indicated in blue in Figure 4A–C. In order to reveal binding modes, the poses of the ligands resulting from an unconstrained 100 ns MD simulation were compared. then revealed the various binding modes of each ligand. Ligand conformations from the middle and the end of the MD simulation are shown in green and yellow in Figure 4D–F. In the following, the symbol "~" indicates similar, and "≠" dissimilar conformations.

PRFAR showed minimal movements during the simulation and stayed firmly bound in the active site, mainly due to interactions of its two phosphate moieties with the side chains and backbones of various residues (Figure 4A, 4D: blue ~ green ~ yellow). These results are in agreement with published MD simulations.<sup>19</sup> Similar to PRFAR, ring-opened **DTE3** interacted at the start of the simulation with both phosphate binding sites. However, unlike PRFAR, one phosphate group of **DTE3** moved side- and upwards during the simulation, eventually interacting with residues G20 and F23 from loop 1 of HisF (Figure 4B, 4E: blue ≠ green ~ yellow). Hence, the ligand remained permanently attached to one phosphate binding site. In contrast, ring-closed **DTE3** turned out to be so rigid, that it could not be forced to continuously interact with either phosphate binding sites. One phosphate group formed contacts to A224 and S225 residues equally to PRFAR, but did not stay at this position during the MD simulation. Instead, this phosphate group moved towards the base of loop 1 interacting with K19 and D11, a catalytic residue of HisF, while the second phosphate group rested at a position that usually forms contacts to the carboxamide group of PRFAR, *e.g.* residue S144. Altogether, ring-closed **DTE3** moved itself in a position crossway to PRFAR, held by only loose interactions (Figure 4C, 4F: blue ≠ green ≠ yellow). In summary, the MD simulation can explain the different behavior of ring-opened and ring-closed **DTE3** in the inhibitory studies of HisF. Upon irradiation, the ligand stiffens and loses its original interactions, building completely new ones. The threefold less inhibitory effect

suggests that these new interactions are weaker or more unspecific than the initial ones, respectively.



**Figure 4:** MD simulations of IGPS (ribbon diagram with HisF in green and HisH in white) with bound PRFAR (A, D) and DTE3 in its open (B, E) and closed (C, F) states. A–C: Each ligand (depicted as blue sticks) was placed in accordance with the known phosphate binding sites into the HisF active site (pdb-id 1gpw) and subjected to a 100 ps MD simulation during which only movements of the ligand were allowed. D–F: A subsequent 100 ns MD simulation with the entire ligand-bound IGPS complex revealed the binding modes of each ligand. Shown are two snapshots of the ligands after 50 ns (green sticks) and after 100 ns (yellow sticks). Polar contacts of the phosphate groups of the ligands with the protein backbone and with side chains are indicated by dashed lines.

### III.1.2.1.3 Inhibition of allosteric stimulation of HisH by DTE ligands

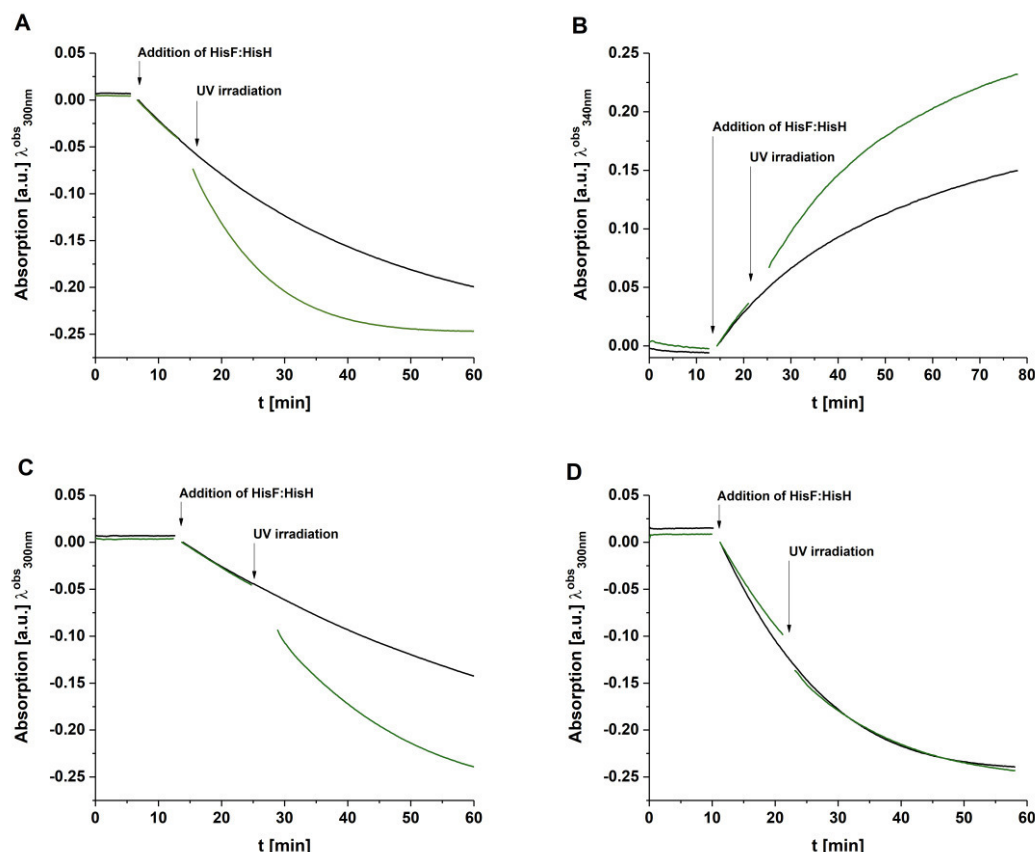
HisF and HisH form the allosterically controlled IGPS complex. HisH exhibits significant activity, only upon binding of PRFAR to the active site of HisF<sup>3, 20, 21</sup>. Similarly, ProFAR, which is the more stable precursor of PRFAR in histidine biosynthesis, binds to HisF and

activates HisH.<sup>3</sup> Moreover, even a structurally quite dissimilar compound such as NAD<sup>+</sup> shows a modest binding affinity for HisF, which leads to measurable glutamine hydrolysis by HisH.<sup>2</sup> However, the different binding modes of **DTE3** and PRFAR for HisF as revealed by our MD simulations suggested to us that the DTE ligands are unable to activate HisH. In order to verify this assumption, we used two previously established assays: 1) A continuous assay measuring glutamate production photometrically by a coupled glutamate dehydrogenase (GDH) reaction that makes use of NAD<sup>+</sup> as a cofactor (Appendix Section A.III.1.3., Figure A4A),<sup>3</sup> and 2) a discontinuous assay in which the glutamate production step is separated from the GDH reaction, in order to keep NAD<sup>+</sup> separate from activating HisH by binding to HisF (A.III.1.3., Figure A4B).<sup>2</sup>

We compared HisH glutaminase activity in presence of ProFAR, NAD<sup>+</sup>, ligands **DTE1–4** in their ring-open and ring-closed state, as well as the basic activity without any ligand (A.III.1.3., Figure A4C). In both assays, ProFAR exhibited the strongest activation resulting in turnover rates of 4.7 min<sup>-1</sup> (continuous assay) and 2.8 min<sup>-1</sup> (discontinuous assay), well matching the previously determined  $k_{cat}$  value of 4.8 min<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>2</sup> The second-best activation of HisH was caused by NAD<sup>+</sup> with turnover rates of 1.3 min<sup>-1</sup> (continuous assay) and 0.23 min<sup>-1</sup> (discontinuous assay). The basic turnover rate of HisH as detected with the discontinuous assay was 0.05 min<sup>-1</sup>, again matching the published value of 0.03 min<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>2</sup> For the DTE ligands, only activities below the ones for NAD<sup>+</sup> were found in both assays. The activities in the discontinuous assay ranged from low basic activity of 0.02–0.03 min<sup>-1</sup> for compound **DTE4**, to no detectable activities for compounds **DTE1**, **DTE2** and **DTE3**, the activities in the continuous assay were somewhat higher.

Taken together, these results show that the DTE ligands were not able to activate HisH. Just in contrast, they inhibited the activation caused by NAD<sup>+</sup> in the continuous assay.

In the next step, we further analyzed the inhibition capacity of the DTE ligands towards HisH. For this purpose, we chose to compare our best candidate, **DTE3**, with **DTE1**, which exhibited weaker inhibition of HisF in general and no significant difference between its ring-open and ring-closed state in particular (Table 1). In the following  $IC_{50}$  experiments, ProFAR was taken as HisH activator in the continuous assay and kept constant at 40  $\mu$ M, whereas the concentration of the DTE ligands was stepwise increased (A.III.1.3., Figure A5). In these experiments, compound **DTE1** showed in both conformations an  $IC_{50}$  of about 33  $\mu$ M. **DTE3** inhibited HisH about two-fold more efficiently, with its ring-open state being more efficient ( $IC_{50}$  = 12.3  $\mu$ M) than its ring-closed state ( $IC_{50}$  = 16.2  $\mu$ M).



**Figure 5:** Increase in activity of HisF (A), HisH (B), and IGPS (C, D) upon ring-closure of DTE3 (A, B, C). For comparison, IGPS activity was also followed upon ring-closure of compound 2 (D). Reaction conditions: (A) 50 mM Tris acetate pH 8.5, 0.1  $\mu$ M HisF:HisH, 100 mM ammonium acetate, 50  $\mu$ M PRFAR, 7.5  $\mu$ M DTE3 (open); (B) 50 mM Tricine/KOH pH 8.0, 1  $\mu$ M HisF:HisH, 10 mM  $NAD^+$ , 8 mM glutamine, 1g/L GDH, 40  $\mu$ M ProFAR, 20  $\mu$ M DTE3(open); (C, D) 50 mM Tris acetate pH 8.5, 0.1  $\mu$ M HisF:HisH, 5 mM glutamine, 50  $\mu$ M ProFAR, 7.5  $\mu$ M DTE3 (open) and 40  $\mu$ M DTE1 (open). After initial substrate turnover, the reaction mixture was either left in the spectrophotometer (black transition curve) or removed and irradiated with 312 nm light for 2 min (DTE3) or 1.5 min (DTE1) (green transition curves), respectively, correlating irradiation times determined for complete ring-closure. The baseline shift resulting from different absorption values of the open and closed isomer at 300 nm was corrected with a reference solution without enzymes. See Appendix for turnover numbers prior and after UV irradiation.

#### III.1.2.1.4 Direct DTE-based light-control of catalysis and allostery of IGPS

Finally, we tested whether the activity of IGPS can be controlled by irradiation with light during catalysis. We started by measuring the turnover of PRFAR by HisF in presence of **DTE3**. In the reaction setup, we compared two samples of identical composition, in which one was taken out and irradiated after the initial reaction phase, whereas the other was kept in the dark. By starting off with the strongly inhibiting, ring-open state of **DTE3**, we were able to enhance the reaction rate about threefold upon irradiation to the ring-closed state (Figure 5A). A similar effect could be observed when HisH activity was tracked with the

continuous assay where the irradiation with UV-light of ring-open **DTE3** led to a two-fold increase of glutamine turnover (Figure 5B). Furthermore, when we monitored the rate of the total IGPS reaction by following PRFAR turnover, we consistently determined a roughly threefold acceleration of the reaction upon irradiation (Figure 5C). If **DTE1** was used instead of **DTE3**, though, no enhancement of the reaction rate could be observed (Figure 5D).

In summary, we have shown that photochromic ligands can be applied for the indirect regulation of an enzyme *via* allowing or hindering the access of an allosteric ligand. In the next step, we wanted to further improve the structure to achieve allosteric activation directly upon ligand binding.

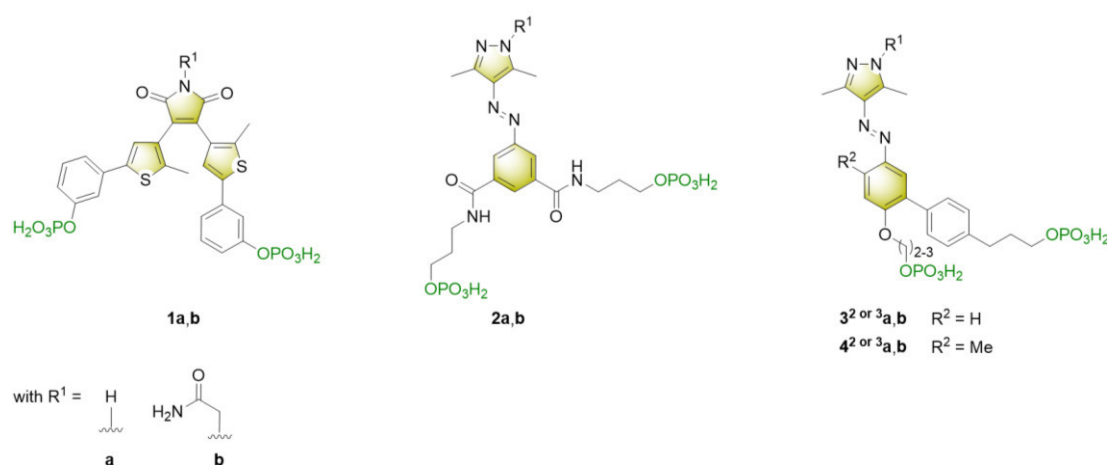
### III.1.2.2 Re-Design and MD Simulations

Our investigations revealed that the allosteric communication of IGPS is not triggered upon phosphate binding only (open form of **DTE3**). Another not yet identified interaction of the native ligand PRFAR seems to be necessary. To be able to further address the allosteric communication through a stable and potentially photo-controllable ligand, we re-investigated the binding mode of the parent ligand *in silico* through MD simulations. We found that the amide functionality in PRFAR (Figure 3) is in close proximity to the loop 1 and loop 5 region (Figure 1), potentially exhibiting additional polar interactions to the enzyme's backbone or AA side chains. Especially, loop 1 is highly flexible and seems to play a role in allosteric communication.<sup>19, 22</sup> Hence, we tried to mimic these potential interactions by introducing polar moieties into photochromic ligands.

This assumption led to three novel distinctive designs of generation II ligands (Chart 1). Like **DTE1–4** (*vide supra*), all generation II ligands exhibit a bisphosphate motif mediating binding towards HisF. To attach further functional groups potentially interacting with the loop region, we replaced the cyclopentene ring with a maleimide moiety to generate dithienylmaleimide (DTM) **1a** (4–5 Å distance to the loops), which can be elongated with an additional carbamide function (**1b**, around 3–4 Å distance to the loops). In accordance with our MD simulations this functionality should be capable of directing hydrogen donor-acceptor interactions towards the loop 1 and loop 5 region of HisF. In addition, DTEs and DTMs are very similar regarding their spatial dimensions. Consequently, the high affinity towards HisF is very likely maintained.

The second and third designs (molecules **2–4**, Chart 1) are structurally less related with **DTE1–4**. Here, we intended to modify the photochromic core, too. We planned to replace the diarylethene (DAE) switch with a phenylazopyrazole derivative, which could be potentially elongated with carbamide moieties. Azopyrazoles were firstly investigated regarding their photochromic properties by the group of Fuchter in 2014.<sup>23, 24</sup> The authors

reported an extremely robust, synthetically easily accessible dye with a thermally highly stable Z-isomer and excellent two-way photoswitching properties. In contrast to DAEs, azo dyes undergo larger geometrical changes upon photo-induced isomerization which could be of advantage in the context of allosteric regulation. However, to position the phosphate groups in the appropriate distance both to each another and to the photoactive core, alkyl chains need to be attached. This makes the molecule overall more flexible and possibly more difficult to be positioned correctly at the binding site, compared to the rigid, aryl-elongated, DTM scaffold. However, the phosphate groups are a rather strong binding motif and the synthesis is easier by the usage of alkyl chains as linker.



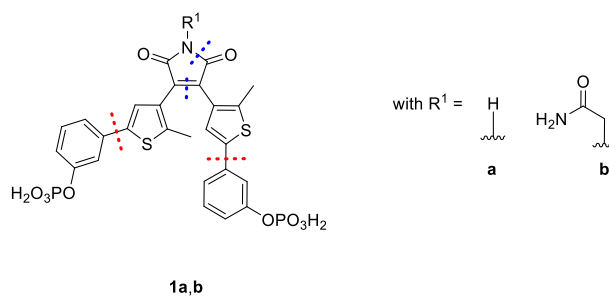
**Chart 1: Generation II of photoactive HisF ligands.** Design 1 (1a,b) is very similar to previously investigated generation I ligands and is based on a DTM core. Designs 2 (2a,b) and 3 (3a,b and 4a,b exhibiting a C<sup>2</sup> or a C<sup>3</sup>-linker, respectively) are based on an azopyrazole scaffold as photochrome. All ligands exhibit a bisphosphate motif as recognition element and can be elongated through a carbamide function for improved interactions with the HisF loop1 and loop5 region.

### III.1.2.3 Synthesis and spectroscopic characterization

#### III.1.2.3.1 Maleimide based Inhibitors

**Retrosynthetic Analysis.** The retrosynthetic analysis of molecule **1a,b** results in two different synthetic strategies. The photochromic core structure is assembled firstly following published procedures<sup>10</sup> and is subsequently functionalized *via* Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling (Scheme 1, red dashed line). Another possibility is to firstly perform the palladium mediated arylation reaction of both halves of the molecule and then merge them *via* a Perkin condensation reaction (Scheme 1, blue dashed line). Both approaches will be investigated in the following.



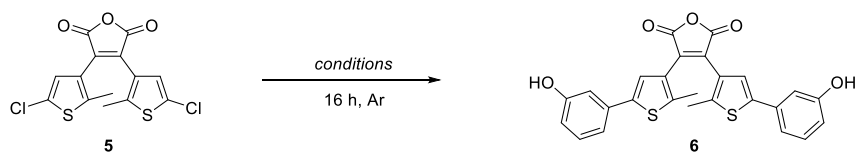
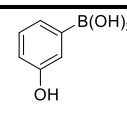
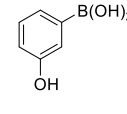
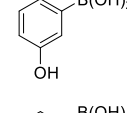
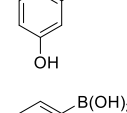
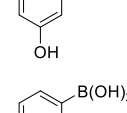
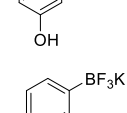
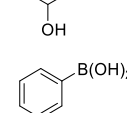
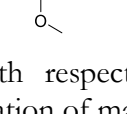


**Scheme 1: Retrosynthetic analysis of 1a,b.** The molecular can be build up either *via* Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling (red) or Perkin condensation (blue).

**Synthesis *via* Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling.** Analogously to the synthesis of **DTE1-4**, we envisioned the synthesis of similarly functionalized DTMs through Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling onto the respective bischloro-DTE (*cf.* table 1) and subsequent aminolysis. Indeed, this approach is especially appealing as the variation of both the core and the functionalized groups would be easily accessible. Hence, bischloro DTE **5** was synthesized according to known procedures.<sup>10</sup> Subsequently, we screened various conditions for Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling, varying the palladium catalyst (both Pd(II) and Pd(0) precursors were explored), base, solvent and temperature (Table 1).

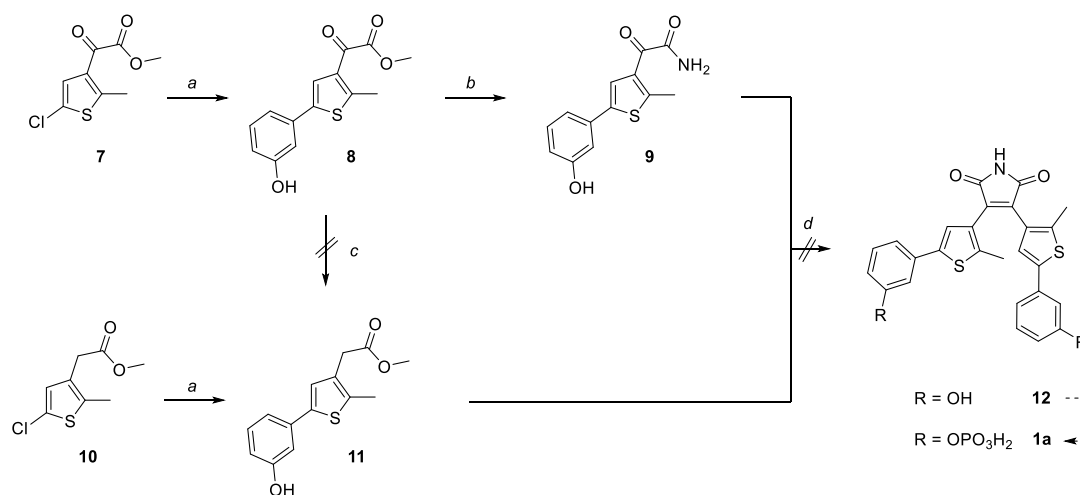
Albeit the strategy appears to be very straightforward, the Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling onto the bischloro-dithienyl maleimide turned out to be extremely challenging. In accordance with previous investigations of Studte regarding the coupling of phenyl boronic acid,<sup>25</sup> the investigated conditions resulted mainly in dehalogenation of the starting material and none generated the desired product. In addition, using 3-methoxy boronic acid (Entry 8, Table 1) or a Molander-type derivative (Entry 7, Table 1) could not improve the results.

**Table 1: Various conditions of Pd-mediated cross-coupling of functionalized aryl borates onto DTM 5.**

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Entry	Boronic Acid/Borate <sup>a</sup>	Catalyst <sup>b</sup>	Base <sup>c</sup>	Solvent <sup>d</sup>	Temperature [°C]	Result <sup>e</sup>
1		Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O/THF	80	d.h.
2		Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O/THF	60	d.h.
3		PEPPSI-Ipr	KOtBu	iPrOH	80	d.h.
4		PEPPSI-Ipr	KOtBu	iPrOH	60	d.h.
5		Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> , dppf	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O/THF	80	d.h.
6		Pd <sub>2</sub> (dba) <sub>3</sub> , Xphos	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	dioxane	100	d.h.
7		Pd <sub>2</sub> (dba) <sub>3</sub> , Xphos	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	dioxane	100	d.h.
8		Pd <sub>2</sub> (dba) <sub>3</sub> , Xphos	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	dioxane	100	d.h.

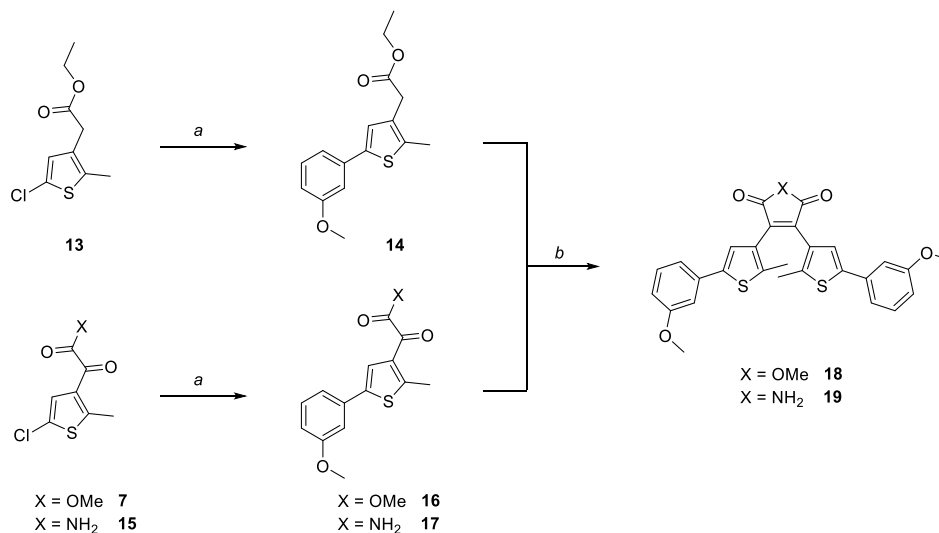
<sup>a</sup>2.2 eq with respect to maleic anhydride **5** (0.1 mmol). <sup>b</sup>0.1 eq. <sup>c</sup>3 eq. <sup>d</sup>0.5 M. <sup>e</sup>d.h. dehalogenation of maleic anhydride **5**.

**Synthesis *via* Perkin condensation.** We intended to adapt a synthetic approach developed by Falencyk *et al.* to obtain compound **1a** (Scheme 2).<sup>10</sup> Hence, we performed a Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling on **7** and **10** to obtain the arylated precursors **8** and **11** (58% or 72% yield, respectively). Direct synthesis of **11** through reduction of **8** as previously reported for similar 2-oxoacetate indoles was not successful.<sup>26</sup>



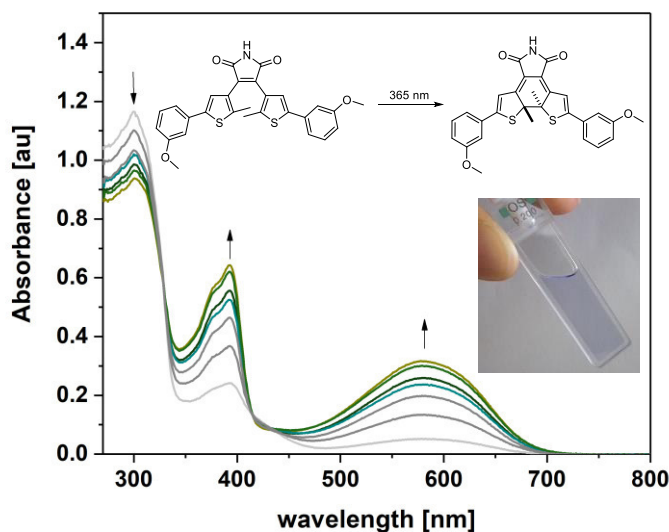
**Scheme 2: Synthesis and Perkin condensation of 3-hydroxy thiophenes 9 and 11.** *a*: 3-hydroxy boronic acid (1.2 eq), XPhos (0.2 eq),  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  (0.1 eq),  $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4$  (3 eq), dioxane, Ar, 110 °C, 16 h (8: 58%, 11: 72%). *b*:  $\text{NH}_3$  (2M in MeOH), MeOH, 2h (*quant.*). *c*: triethylsilane (2.7 eq), TFA, 0 °C to r.t., 16h. *d*: KOtBu (1.2 eq, 1M in THF), dry THF,  $\text{N}_2$ , 0 °C to r.t., 16 h.

Then, a Perkin condensation of **9** and **11** was performed. However, the reaction did not give the desired product **12**. The reaction requires strongly basic conditions (KOtBu) and upon treatment of **9** with the base we observed a coloration of the reaction mixture. We suppose, that this was a consequence of the deprotonation of the phenol moiety. The so formed anionic intermediate might be in competition with the enolate intermediate, which is crucial to start the ring closure of the Perkin condensation.



**Scheme 3: Synthesis methoxy protected precursors 14 and 17 and Perkin condensation towards 19.** *a*: 3-methoxy boronic acid (1.2 eq), XPhos (0.2 eq),  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  (0.1 eq),  $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4$  (3 eq), dioxane, Ar, 110 °C, 16 h (14: 14%, 16: 0%, 17: 65%). *b*: KOtBu (1.2 eq, 1M in THF), dry THF,  $\text{N}_2$ , 0 °C to r.t., 16 h (44%).

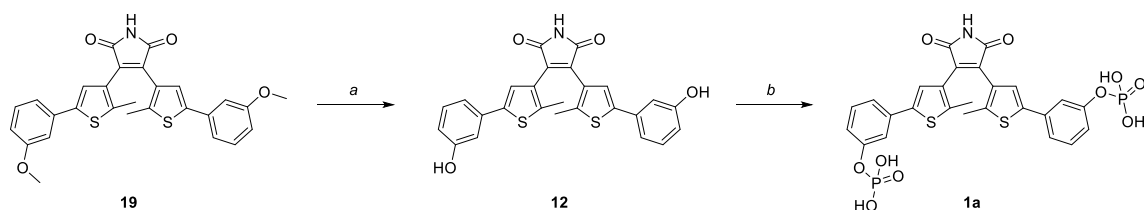
To circumvent a potential competing side reaction, we protected the phenolic group by using the corresponding 3-methoxy boronic acid in the palladium mediated cross-coupling. Whereas compound **14** could be isolated (14%), the synthesis of **16** was unsuccessful (Scheme 3). In contrast, the amino analogue **17** was accessible in good yields (65%). Hence, we employed **17** and **14** under classical Perkin conditions and were able to isolate **19** (44% yield).



**Figure 6:** UV-Vis spectrum of compound **19** (100 $\mu$ M in DMSO) after 3 s, 5 s, 7 s, 10 s, 15 s, 25 s and 35 s, and a picture of the cuvette at the PSS.

Additionally, the photochromic behavior of the compound **19** was investigated in DMSO (Figure 6). Upon irradiation with light of 365 nm (Nichia NCSU033B, 700 mA) we observed two novel bands arising at 392 nm and 581 nm, together with a coloration of the DMSO solution in the cuvette (colorless to purple). The newly formed bands can be attributed to the formation of the closed isomer (which has a conjugated  $\pi$ -system) *via* an electrocyclic ring-closure.<sup>27</sup>

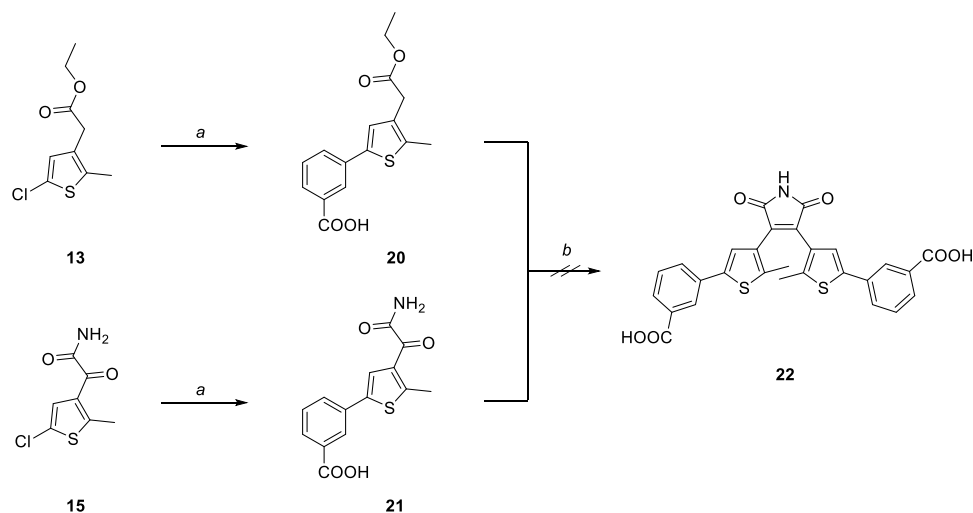
The methoxy protected DTM **19** was subsequently deprotected using BBr<sub>3</sub> in DCM at -78 °C resulting in compound **12** (17% after isolation via preparative HPLC) followed by a phosphorylation with POCl<sub>3</sub> (Scheme 4). Finally, compound **1a** could be isolated through preparative HPLC in low yields (<1%). Identification of the obtained compound could only be performed *via* NMR analysis due to the very low amount of material obtained (0.3 mg, see Experimental Section).



**Scheme 4:** Synthesis of target molecule **1a** from methoxy protected **19**. *a*:  $\text{BBr}_3$  (1M in DCM), dry DCM,  $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  to r.t., 16 h (17%). *b*:  $\text{POCl}_3$ , pyridine, dry THF,  $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  to r.t., 2 h (<1%).

**Synthesis of a carboxylic acid analogue.** We considered to simplify the structure of the target compound, as the access to the phosphorylated DTMs turned out to be quite tedious and up to now low yielding. To provide a potentially negatively charged anchoring group under physiological conditions, we planned to functionalize the DTM core with carboxy groups. This approach would more quickly result in compounds, which could be evaluated in a biological context.

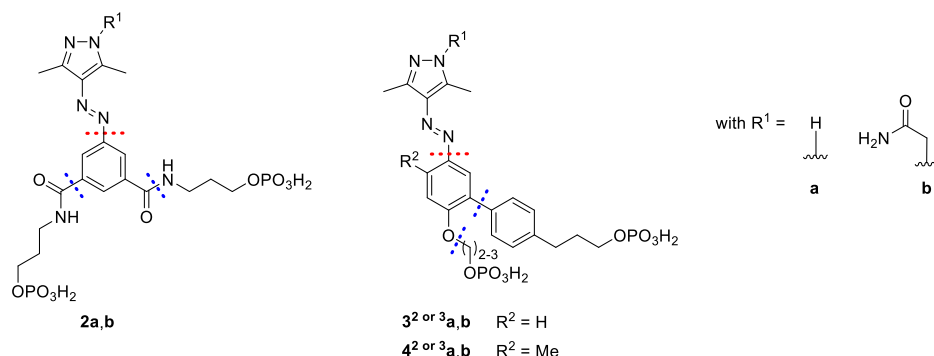
As the precursors discussed above, compounds **20** and **21** were obtained *via* palladium mediated cross-coupling (35% or 20% yield, respectively). Subsequently, the compounds were subjected to Perkin condensation. However, the  $\text{COOH}$ -group seemed to undergo deprotonation, preventing the formation of the maleimide ring in a similar way to the unprotected OH-functionalities. Hence, no product could be isolated. ESI-MS analysis showed that only starting material and degradation products (of lower mass) were obtained.



**Scheme 5:** Synthesis of carboxy substituted analogue **22** *via* Perkin condensation of **20** and **21**. *a*: 3-carboxy boronic acid (1.2 eq), XPhos (0.2 eq),  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  (0.1 eq),  $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4$  (3 eq), dioxane, Ar,  $110\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , 16 h (20: 35%, 21: 20%). *b*:  $\text{KO}^\text{t}\text{Bu}$  (1.2 eq, 1M in THF), dry THF,  $\text{N}_2$ ,  $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  to r.t., 16 h.

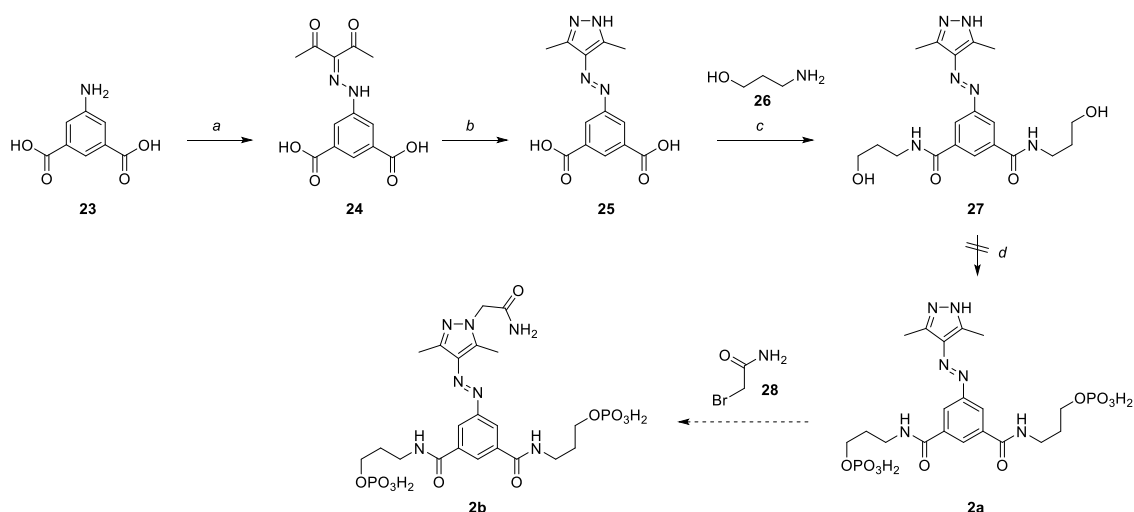
### III.1.2.3.2 Aryl azopyrazole based inhibitors

**Retrosynthetic Analysis.** In the retrosynthetic analysis of both compound **2a,b** and **3a,b** and **4a,b** we identified the benzene ring as central piece of both structural designs (Scheme 6). Starting from a suitable aniline derivative, the azo group can be installed *via* an azo coupling reaction (red dashed line Scheme 6). Likewise, the alkyl and aryl substituents can be condensed onto it (blue dashed lines Scheme 6).



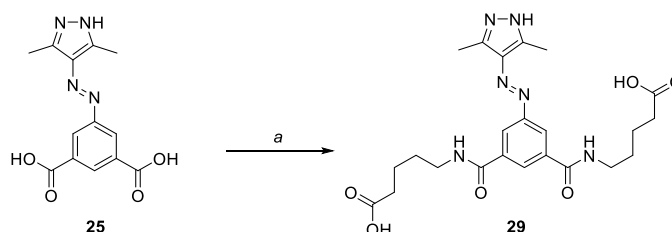
**Scheme 6: Retrosynthetic Analysis of arylazopyrazoles 2, 3 and 4. Using the benzene ring as center piece both the azo function (red dashed lines) and the alkyl/aryl substituents (blue dashed lines) can be attached.**

**Synthesis of compound 2a and 2b.** In the first step of the reaction sequence towards target molecules **2a** and **2b**, dicarboxy aniline **23** was treated with  $\text{NaNO}_2$  in  $\text{HCl}$  applying a procedure reported by Strecker *et al.* (Scheme 7).<sup>28</sup> The so formed diazonium salt was trapped with acetylacetone to result in compound **24** (83% yield). Ring closure to the corresponding pyrazole was achieved through reaction of **24** with hydrazine (92% yield).<sup>28</sup> The biscarboxylic acid **25** was subsequently activated with thionyl chloride, upon which amino alcohol **26** reacted with the so formed compound to give **27** in low yields (8%). The last step towards target molecule **2a** involved  $\text{POCl}_3$  in a phosphorylation reaction under basic conditions. However, the reaction conditions appeared to be too harsh. HPLC-DAD and ESI-MS analysis revealed that diverse smaller molecules were formed upon degradation.



**Scheme 7: Synthesis towards aryl azopyrazoles **2a** and **2b**.** *a*: NaNO<sub>2</sub> (1.2 eq), acetyl acetone (1.3 eq), NaOAc (3 eq), HCl/water/EtOH, 1 h, r.t. (83%). *b*: hydrazine hydrate (1 eq), EtOH, 70 °C, 3 h (92%). *c*: 1) SOCl<sub>2</sub>, 80 °C, 2 h; 2) 26 (2.2 eq), pyridine, dry DMSO, r.t. 16 h (8%). *d*: POCl<sub>3</sub>, pyridine, dry THF, 0 °C to r.t., 2 h.

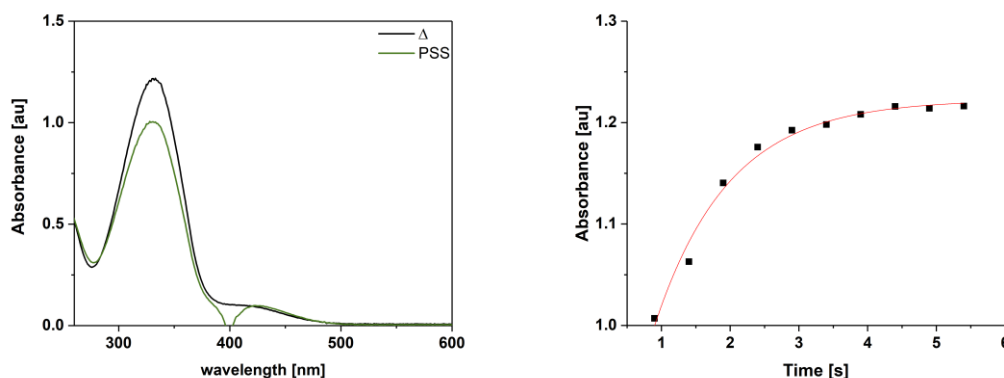
As the phosphorylation of **27** only led to decomposition of the starting material, we further simplified the target structure replacing the phosphate as hydrogen acceptor moiety with a carboxy group (Scheme 8). Analogously to the main reaction sequence, compound **25** was activated with SOCl<sub>2</sub> and then reacted with a suitably functionalized amine. Purification *via* preparative HPLC gave compound **29** in low yields (4%).



**Scheme 8: Activation of **25** with SOCl<sub>2</sub> and subsequent reaction with 5-amino valeric acid resulted in functionalized azopyrazole **29**.** *a*: 1) SOCl<sub>2</sub>, 80 °C, 2 h; 2) 26 (2.2 eq), pyridine, dry DMSO, r.t. 16 h (4%).

**Photochemistry.** After successful isolation, compound **29** was investigated regarding its photophysical properties. The high density of functional groups led to a good solubility in saline buffer, which will be of advantage in a following biological evaluation. The compound exhibits an absorption maximum at 332 nm, attributable to the  $\pi\pi^*$  transition of the *E*-isomer (black line, Figure 7 left), in accordance with the behavior of known azopyrazole derivatives.<sup>23</sup> Upon irradiation with 365 nm (Nichia NCSU033B, 700 mA) or 400 nm (Edixeaon, 700 mA) the *E*-isomer is interconverted into its corresponding *Z*-form, reaching the PSS (green line, Figure 7 left). Although the parent phenylazopyrazole reported by Fuchter is known to isomerize almost quantitatively to the *Z*-isomer, the dicarboxy derivative

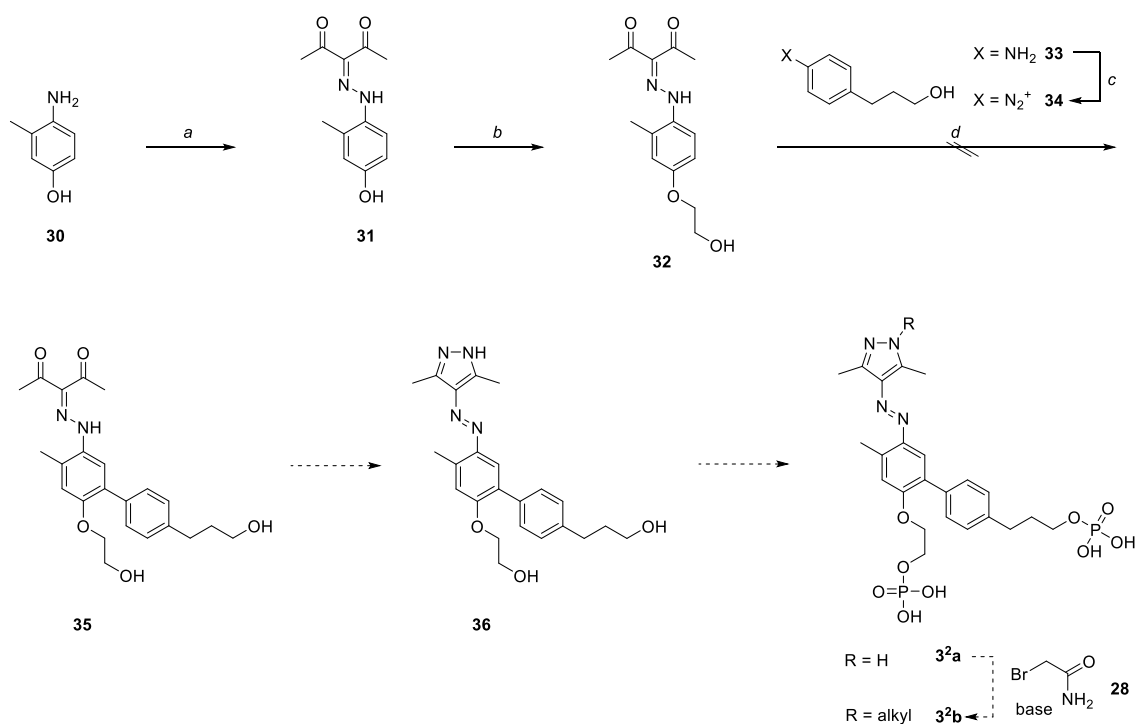
we synthesized appears to have overlapping  $\pi\pi^*$  and  $n\pi^*$  transitions. Consequently, no clean two-way photoswitching can be observed. Possibly, the alkylated carboxy substituents could destabilize the T-shaped transition state this class of azopyrazole usually exhibits and hence, leads to a thermally labile Z-isomer (Figure 7, right,  $\tau=1$  s).



**Figure 7: UV-Vis absorption spectrum (left) of compound 29 in saline buffer (67  $\mu$ M, 0.001% DMSO, black: thermal equilibrium, green: PSS upon irradiation with 400 nm) and its lifetime (right,  $\tau=1$  s).**

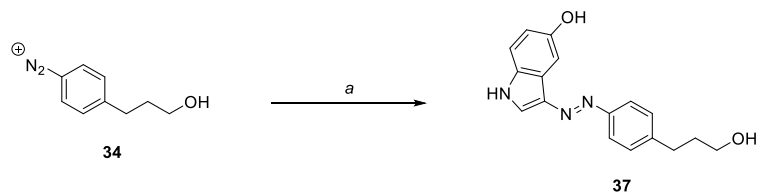
**Synthesis of biarylazopyrazole based inhibitors.** We envisioned to synthesize an azopyrazole derivative based on a biaryl moiety to have access to more rigid azo-based ligands. Consequently, an amino cresol **30** was treated with  $\text{NaNO}_2$  and trapped with acetylacetone to result in compound **31** (78% yield, Scheme 9, path *a*). Compound **32** could be formed following a classical Williamson ether synthesis. However, we found that compound **31** was quite unreactive. Only 9% of desired product with a  $\text{C}^2$ -linker (11% of the  $\text{C}^3$  analogue) could be isolated after 72 h reaction time (path *b*). Adapting a published procedure, we tried to attach the second aryl moiety with a  $\text{Ti}^{\text{III}}$  mediated coupling.<sup>29</sup>





**Scheme 9: Synthesis of biaryl based azopyrazoles 3<sup>2a</sup> and 3<sup>2b</sup>.** *a*: NaNO<sub>2</sub> (1.2 eq), acetyl acetone (1.3 eq), NaOAc (3 eq), HCl/water/EtOH, 1 h, r.t. (78%). *b*: 2-chloro ethanol (1.2 eq), KCl (0.1 eq), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.5 eq), DMF, 80 °C, 72 h (9%). *c*: NaNO<sub>2</sub> (1.2 eq), HCl/water, 1 h, r.t. *d*: TiCl<sub>3</sub> (1.2M in HCl), HCl/water, 1 h, r.t.

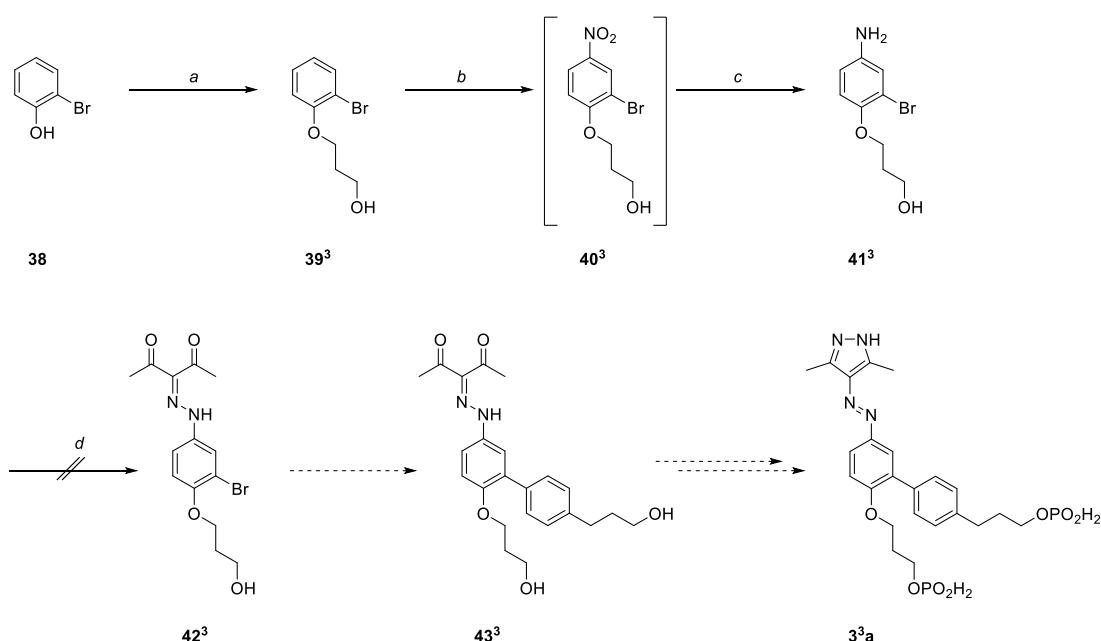
In particular, aniline **33** was treated with NaNO<sub>2</sub> in HCl to form the corresponding diazonium salt **34**. A trapping experiment with 5-hydroxy indole confirmed its formation (ESI-MS, Scheme 10). The diazonium salt solution was then added to **32**. Complexation of Ti<sup>III</sup> to the ether function and reaction with the diazo compound should lead to the release of nitrogen and the subsequent oxidative bond formation. However, the product could only be observed in small amounts using HPLC-DAD and LC-MS analysis. Isolation did not appear worthwhile, due to the large number of steps needed to synthesize the target structure (Scheme 9).



**Scheme 10: Diazonium salt 34 could be trapped with 5-hydroxy indole.** *a*: 1) NaNO<sub>2</sub> (1.2 eq), HCl/water, 1 h, r.t.; 2) 5-hydroxy indole (1.2 eq), DMF, 1 h r.t.

**Alternative route *via* Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling.** As the Ti<sup>III</sup> mediated arylation turned out to be ineffective, we modified our strategy and intended to employ classical Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling conditions, by using a pre-functionalized phenol. Hence,

ortho-bromo phenol (**38**) was converted into the corresponding ether *via* Williamson's strategy to give **39<sup>3</sup>** in reasonable yields (ca. 25%). However, the product could not be completely separated from the alkylating agents (neither through column chromatography nor *via* distillation) and was hence converted with a purity of only 70%. The subsequent nitration with HNO<sub>3</sub> in sulfuric acid gave **40<sup>3</sup>** (ESI-MS) and was directly reduced to the corresponding aniline using SnCl<sub>2</sub> (ESI-MS). Yet again, isolation through chromatography (reversed phase MPLC) turned out to be challenging and no pure product could be isolated. In addition, direct reaction of the crude mixture to result in **42<sup>3</sup>** was not successful (only traces were found with ESI-MS). Hence, this route did not give access to the desired product **3<sup>3</sup>a**.



**Scheme 11: Synthesis of **3<sup>3</sup>a** *via* palladium mediated cross-coupling.** *a*: 3-chloro ethanol (1.2 eq), KCl (0.1 eq), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.5 eq), DMF, 80 °C, 72 h. *b*: H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, HNO<sub>3</sub>, 0 °C to r.t., 2 h. *c*: SnCl<sub>2</sub> (4 eq), HCl, EtOH, 80 °C, 16h. *d*: NaNO<sub>2</sub> (1.2 eq), acetyl acetone (1.3 eq), NaOAc (3 eq), HCl/water/EtOH, 1 h, r.t.

### III.1.3 Conclusion and Outlook

In summary, **DTE1–4** were investigated regarding their binding properties towards HisF in both of their photoisomers. Thereby, all photochromic ligands showed binding with IC<sub>50</sub> values in the low micromolar range. In particular, **DTE3** exhibited additionally an approximately two- to three-fold difference of both photoisomers in their IC<sub>50</sub> value. Hence, the compound was also studied in the IGPS overall reaction, where photo-induced ring-closure of **DTE3** reduced its inhibitory affinity and hence, accelerated both the HisF and the HisH reaction. However, no allosteric effects directly upon binding or dissociation of the

switch could be observed. MD simulations indicated that interaction sites in addition to the phosphate binding sites (*i.e.* hydrogen donor-acceptor moieties) have to be provided by the ligand. Hence, we re-designed the structures proposing the maleimide based analogue (**1a,b**) of **DTE3** and highly decorated phenyl azopyrazoles (**2a,b**, **3a,b** and **4a,b**). To access compound **1a**, we investigated both a Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling based strategy and a route having a Perkin condensation as the key step. The palladium mediated cross-coupling turned out to be unsuccessful in this case. However, the Perkin condensation afforded (**1a**) in low yield after applying a suitable protection group strategy. The azopyrazoles we designed were either based on a symmetrical biscarboxy aniline (**2a,b**) or should exhibit a more rigid biaryl core-structure (**3a,b** and **4a,b**). Whereas the biaryl core could not be assembled using either  $\text{Ti}^{\text{III}}$  or palladium-mediated coupling reactions so far, biscarboxy phenylazopyrazole was accessible in good yields. Further functionalization *via* the corresponding bisacid chloride and subsequent bisamide formation could be performed in low yields. However, the final phosphorylation of the alcohol functionality of **27** only resulted in decomposition. Hence, we decided to simplify the structure and synthesized the corresponding carboxy derivative (**29**) moving from a bisphosphate as hydrogen acceptor to a biscarboxy functionality. The compound was successfully synthesized and showed photochromic properties in aqueous buffer, which are promising indications that the compound will also be photocontrollable under enzyme assay conditions.

Both the maleimide based ligand **1a** and the azopyrazole based ligand **29** and their photoisomers will be investigated regarding the binding properties to HisF. Subsequently, their effect on HisH *via* allosteric communication will be evaluated to go one step further in understanding the complex cooperation mechanism in IGPS and GATs in general.

### III.1.4 Experimental Section

#### III.1.4.1 Synthesis

##### General Procedure I: Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling<sup>10</sup>

The appropriate chloro-thiophene (1 eq), the respective phenyl boronic acid (1.2 eq),  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  (0.1 eq), XPhos (0.2 eq) and  $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4$  (3 eq) were dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (5 mL per 1 mmol of thiophene). The resulting suspension was deaerated through argon purge (10 min) and heated to 110 °C for 16h. The reaction mixture was cooled to ambient temperature and diluted with water (10 mL per 1 mmol of thiophene) and ethyl acetate (5 mL per 1 mmol of thiophene). The phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (5 mL per 1 mmol of thiophene) and the organic phases were combined

and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and the crude product was purified through MPLC. The conditions are specified for each compound.

#### General Procedure II: Aminolysis

The appropriate ester was dissolved in a solution of ammonia (2M in MeOH) and stirred at room temperature for two hours. Usually, the product precipitated already after a few minutes. The volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and the typically pure compound was dried on high vacuum.

#### General Procedure III: Perkin Condensation<sup>10</sup>

The appropriate amide (1 eq) was dissolved in dry THF (2 mL per 0.5 mmol) under nitrogen atmosphere and cooled to 0 °C. The reaction mixture was treated with KO<sup>t</sup>Bu (1.2 eq, 1M in THF) and stirred for one hour. Then, the corresponding ester (1 eq) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 16 hours at ambient temperature. The reaction was quenched with HCl (aq, 2M) and the mixture was diluted with water (2 mL per 0.5 mmol) and ethyl acetate (2 mL per 0.5 mmol). The phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (2x2 mL per 0.5 mmol). The combined organic phases were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified through MPLC. The conditions are specified for each compound.

#### General Procedure IV: Deprotection of Methoxy-groups

The appropriate DTM (1 eq) was dissolved in dry DCM (2 mL per 0.1 mmol) under nitrogen and cooled to -78 °C. Then, the reaction mixture was treated with BBr<sub>3</sub> (2 eq per methoxy group, 1M in DCM) dropwise. The reaction mixture was allowed to slowly warm to ambient temperature for 16 h. The reaction mixture was quenched through addition of water (2 mL per 0.1 mmol) and the phases were separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with DCM (2x2 mL per 0.1 mmol). The combined organic phases were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The product was isolated through preparative HPLC.

#### General Procedure V: Acetylation of primary amines

The appropriate bis-amide (1 eq) was dissolved in SOCl<sub>2</sub> (0.5 mL per 0.15 mmol) and heated to 80 °C until the yellow suspension turned into a bright red solution (depending on the amount from 3h for *ca.* 0.4 mmol to 18h for larger amounts). Then, the solvent was evaporated *in vacuo*. The solids were co-evaporated with DCM (3x 2 mL per 0.15 mmol) and

dissolved in dry DMSO (1 mL per 0.15 mmol). Then, the corresponding primary amine (2.2 eq) and subsequently dry pyridine (0.2 mL per 0.15 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 16h. The reaction mixture was poured onto water (10 mL per 0.15 mmol), neutralized and extracted with ethyl acetate (3x10 mL per 0.15 mmol). The combined organic phases were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified as specified for each compound.

#### General Procedure VI: Phenol Ether Formation

The appropriate phenol (1 eq), the corresponding n-chloro alcohol (1.2 eq), KCl (0.1 eq) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.5 eq) were dissolved in DMF (1 mL per 1 mmol). The suspension was heated to 80 °C for 72h. The reaction mixture was poured onto cold water (10 mL per 1 mmol) and the aqueous phase was extracted with DCM (3x10 mL per 1 mmol). The combined organic phases were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified through MPLC (first 0 to 20% MeOH in DCM, then 5 to 100% MeCN in H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.05% TFA).

#### *3-(5-Methyl-4-(4-(2-methyl-5-(3-(phosphonooxy)phenyl)thiophen-3-yl)-2,5-dioxo-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)thiophen-2-yl)phenyl dihydrogen phosphate (1a)*

Compound **12** (6 mg, 0.013 mmol) was dissolved in dry THF (1 mL) and cooled to 0 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. Then, dry pyridine (0.5 mL) and POCl<sub>3</sub> (0.3 mL) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred while warming to ambient temperature for two hours. The compound was purified through preparative HPLC (MeCN in H<sub>2</sub>O/0.05% TFA 5 to 98% in 20 min).

The compound was obtained as colorless solid (0.3 mg, 0.00047 mmol, <1%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ = 7.61 (s, 2H), 7.48 (s, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.72 (s, 6H). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ = -3.05. R<sub>t</sub>: 8.4 min.

#### *Methyl 2-(5-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-2-methylthiophen-3-yl)-2-oxoacetate (8)*

The compound was synthesized according general procedure I using 3-hydroxy phenyl boronic acid. Conditions for MPLC was 15-100% EA in PE. The pure product was obtained as beige powder (2.65 g, 9.60 mmol, 58%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ = 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (ddd, *J* = 7.7, 1.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 2.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 2.78 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ = 180.2 (-), 164.1 (-), 156.2 (-), 154.0 (-), 140.0 (-), 134.5 (-), 132.1 (-), 130.3 (+), 124.9 (+), 118.3 (+), 115.2 (+), 112.7 (+), 52.9

(+), 16.4 (+). ESI-MS: calculated: 276.0456; found: 575.1 (2MNa<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 299.0 (MNa<sup>+</sup>, 90%), 277.1 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 217.0 (MH<sup>+</sup>-HCOOMe). HR-MS: 277.0530 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%). IR:  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3403 (w), 2922 (w), 1733 (s), 1651 (s), 1450 (m), 1323 (m), 1182 (s), 1134 (s), 999 (m), 775 (s), 749 (s). R<sub>f</sub>: 0.8 (80% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether). Melting point: 112 °C.

*2-(5-(3-Hydroxyphenyl)-2-methylthiophen-3-yl)-2-oxoacetamide (9)*

The compound was synthesized following general procedure II. The product was obtained as light brown powder (921 mg, 3.53 mmol, 98%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  = 8.24 (s, 1H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (ddd, *J* = 7.7, 1.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 2.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  = 182.0 (q), 164.1 (q), 156.3 (q), 154.9 (q), 139.2 (q), 134.8 (q), 132.0 (q), 130.2 (+), 126.4 (+), 118.2 (+), 115.0 (+), 112.7 (+), 16.9 (+). ESI-MS: calculated: 261.0460; found: 545.1 (2MNa<sup>+</sup>, 60%), 284.0 (MNa<sup>+</sup>, 75%), 262.0 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 70%), 217.0 (MH<sup>+</sup>-HCONH<sub>2</sub>, 100%). HR-MS: 262.0531 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%). IR:  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3388 (w), 3228 (w), 2952 (w), 1707 (w), 1648 (s), 1584 (s), 1454 (m), 1178 (w), 1017 (m), 779 (s). R<sub>f</sub>: 0.4 (80% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether). Melting point: 127 °C.

*Methyl 2-(5-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-2-methylthiophen-3-yl)acetate (11)*

The compound was synthesized according general procedure I using 3-hydroxy phenyl boronic acid. Conditions for MPLC was 15-100% EA in PE. The pure product was obtained as beige powder (1.83 g, 6.99 mmol, 72%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  = 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 2.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 2.58 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  = 172.0 (q), 156.1 (q), 139.7 (q), 135.7 (q), 135.5 (q), 130.0 (+), 125.2 (+), 117.8 (+), 114.3 (+), 112.3 (+), 52.3 (+), 34.1 (-), 13.3 (+). GC-MS: calculated: 262.0664; found: 262.0 (M<sup>+</sup>, 80%), 203.1 (M<sup>+</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>, 100%). IR:  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3355 (w), 3179 (w), 2952 (w), 1715 (m), 1648 (m), 1591 (s), 1443 (s), 1271 (s), 835 (s), 782 (s). R<sub>f</sub>: 0.8 (80% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether). Melting point: 238 °C.

*3,4-Bis(5-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-2-methylthiophen-3-yl)-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dione (12)*

The reaction was performed according to general procedure IV. The product was obtained as purple solid (6 mg, 0.013 mmol, 17%) after purification through preparative HPLC. Due to the small amount of compound obtained, only a limited characterization was performed, and the compound converted in the next step.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 7.59 (s, 2H), 7.23 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.13 – 7.06 (m, 4H), 6.80 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.1, 2.4, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 2.73 (s, 6H). ESI-MS: calculated: 473.0755; found: 472.1 ((M-H) $^-$ , 100%). HR-MS: 474.0838 (MH $^+$ , 100%).  $R_f$ : 0.26 (40% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether).

*Methyl 2-(5-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-methylthiophen-3-yl)acetate (14)*

The compound was synthesized according general procedure I using 3-methoxy phenyl boronic acid. Conditions for MPLC were 5% EA in PE. The pure product was obtained as colorless highly viscous liquid (385 mg, 1.33 mmol, 14%).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  = 7.44 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.20 (dd,  $J$  = 2.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.2, 2.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (q,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 2H), 2.55 (s, 3H), 1.41 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  = 171.0 (q), 159.9 (q), 139.8 (q), 135.7 (q), 135.4 (q), 130.4 (q), 129.8 (+), 125.3 (+), 118.1 (+), 112.7 (+), 111.0 (+), 60.9 (-), 55.3 (+), 34.3 (-), 14.2 (+), 13.3 (+). ESI-MS: calculated: 290.0977; found: 308.1 (MNH $_4^+$ , 85%), 291.1 (MH $^+$ , 100%). HR-MS: 291.1053 (MH $^+$ , 100%). IR:  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2982 (w), 2837 (w), 1730 (s), 1599 (m), 1464 (m), 1431 (m), 1263 (m), 1163 (s), 1028 (s), 775 (s).  $R_f$ : 0.9 (80% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether).

*2-(5-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-2-methylthiophen-3-yl)-2-oxoacetamide (17)*

The compound was synthesized according general procedure I using 3-methoxy phenyl boronic acid. Conditions for MPLC were 30-100% EA in PE. The pure product was obtained as beige powder (879 mg, 3.20 mmol, 65%).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  = 8.26 (s, 1H), 7.30 (t,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.13 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 6.92 – 6.81 (m, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.79 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  = 186.7 (q), 163.9 (q), 158.4 (q), 143.3 (q), 138.5 (q), 136.1 (q), 133.9 (+), 130.0 (+), 122.3 (+), 117.3 (+), 115.2 (+), 59.2 (+), 20.5 (+). ESI-MS: calculated: 275.0616; found: 573.1 (2MNa $^+$ , 40%), 298.1 (MNa $^+$ , 30%), 276.1 (MH $^+$ , 80%), 231.0 (MH $^+$ -HCONH $_2$ , 100%). HR-MS: 298.0502 (MNa $^+$ , 30%), 276.0684 (MH $^+$ , 80%) 231.0471 (MH $^+$ -HCONH $_2$ , 100%). IR:  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3407 (m), 3217 (m), 2922 (m), 2848 (w), 1715 (s), 1654 (s), 1465 (m), 1353 (m), 1148 (m), 768 (s).  $R_f$ : 0.7 (80% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether). Melting point: 152 °C.

*3,4-bis(5-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-methylthiophen-3-yl)-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dione (19)*

The compound was synthesized according to general procedure III. The compound was purified through MPLC (30-65% EtOAc in petroleum ether). The product was obtained as yellow to green solid (120 mg, 0.239 mmol, 44%)

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  = 8.09 (bs, 1H), 7.48 (s, 2H), 7.48 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.33 (ddd,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.8, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d,  $J$  = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.2, 2.6, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 4.02 (d,  $J$  = 1.5 Hz, 6H), 2.59 (d,  $J$  = 1.1 Hz, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  = 170.4 (q), 160.0 (q), 141.5 (q), 141.4 (q), 134.9 (q), 134.1 (q), 133.9 (q), 130.0 (+), 129.9 (+), 127.4 (q), 124.4 (+), 122.7 (+), 118.3 (+), 113.2 (+), 111.3 (+), 109.4, 55.3 (+), 15.1 (+), 14.6 (+). ESI-MS: calculated: 501.1068; found: 502.1 ( $\text{MH}^+$ , 95%), 501.1 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100%). HR-MS: 502.1138. IR:  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3243 (w), 3001 (w), 2914 (w), 1707 (s), 1599 (m), 1431 (m), 1167 (s), 1044 (m), 775 (m), 656 (s).  $R_f$ : 0.8 (80% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether).

*3-(4-(2-Ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-5-methylthiophen-2-yl)benzoic acid (20)*

The compound was synthesized according general procedure I using 3-carboxy phenyl boronic acid. Conditions for MPLC were 25 to 100% EA in PE to 20% MeOH in EA. The pure product was obtained as light brown highly viscous liquid (113 mg, 0.39 mmol, 35%).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 8.20 (t,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (dt,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (ddd,  $J$  = 7.8, 2.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 4.12 (q,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.60 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.22 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 170.2 (q), 166.4 (q), 138.0 (q), 135.8 (q), 134.7 (q), 131.8 (q), 131.3 (q), 129.3 (+), 129.2 (+), 128.0 (+), 126.5 (+), 125.8 (+), 60.3 (-), 33.5 (-), 13.6 (+), 12.3 (+). ESI-MS: calculated: 304.0769; found: 303.1 ( $(\text{M-H})^-$ , 100%). HR-MS: 303.0701 ( $(\text{M-H})^-$ , 100%). IR:  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2982 (w), 2941 (w), 2572 (w), 1737 (m), 1681 (s), 1443 (w), 1297 (m), 1200 (m), 947 (m), 753 (s).  $R_f$ : 0.8 (20% MeOH in ethyl).

*3-(4-(2-Amino-2-oxoacetyl)-5-methylthiophen-2-yl)benzoic acid (21)*

The compound was synthesized according general procedure I using 3-carboxy phenyl boronic acid. Conditions for MPLC were 25 to 100% EA in PE to 25% MeOH in EA. The pure product was obtained as a mixture with the 3-carboxy boronic acid and could not be separated. The crude NMR showed that 20% product were formed. Expecting that only the amide functionality could react in the subsequent Perkin condensation, a test reaction using this mixture was performed.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 7.85 (ddd,  $J$  = 7.8, 2.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d,  $J$  = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 7.61 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 2.70 (s, 3H). ESI-MS: calculated: 289.0409; found: 579.1 ( $2\text{MH}^+$ , 30%), 307.1 ( $\text{MNH}_4^+$ , 15%), 290.0 ( $\text{MH}^+$ , 55%), 245.0 ( $\text{MH}^+ - \text{HCONH}_2$ , 100%). HR-MS: 288.0338 ( $(\text{M-H})^-$ , 100%).



*5-(2-(2,4-Dioxopentan-3-ylidene)hydrazineyl)isophthalic acid (24)*

The reaction was performed according to the procedure reported by Stricker *et al.*<sup>28</sup>

The product was obtained as yellow powder (13.81 g, 47.29 mmol, 83%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 13.68 (s, 1H), 13.38 (bs, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 8.17 (t, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 197.0 (q), 196.0 (q), 166.0 (q), 142.6 (q), 134.3 (q), 132.4 (q), 125.6 (+), 120.2 (+), 31.1 (+), 26.0 (+). ESI-MS: calculated: 292.0695; found: 315.1 (MNa<sup>+</sup>, 5%), 293.1 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%). HR-MS: 293.0768 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%). IR:  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 1726 (m), 1636 (m), 1502 (m), 1174 (s), 805 (m), 671 (s). R<sub>f</sub>: 0.1 (10% MeOH in DCM). Melting point: 272 °C.

*(E)-5-((3,5-Dimethyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)diazenyl)isophthalic acid (25)*

The reaction was performed according to the procedure reported by Stricker *et al.*<sup>28</sup>

The product was obtained as bright yellow powder (1.05 g, 3.64 mmol, 92%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 8.48 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 167.1 (q), 166.3 (q), 153.0 (q), 149.1 (q), 141.1 (q), 134.3 (q), 132.6 (q)s, 131.6 (q), 130.0 (+), 125.4 (+), 118.0 (+), 11.9 (+), 9.6 (+). ESI-MS: calculated: 288.0859; found: 289.1 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%). HR-MS: 289.0931 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%). IR:  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3191 (m), 1722 (s), 1565 (w), 1431 (m), 1249 (s), 839 (m), 783 (s). R<sub>f</sub>: 0.1 (10% MeOH in DCM). Melting point: 227 °C.

*(E)-5-((3,5-Dimethyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)diazenyl)-N1,N3-bis(3-hydroxypropyl)isophthalamide (27)*

The compound was synthesized according to general procedure V. The product was obtained as yellow solid (642 mg, 1.60 mmol, 8%) after purification through preparative HPLC.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ = 8.33 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 2H), 8.29 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 4H), 3.52 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 4H), 1.86 (p, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ = 167.6 (q), 153.7 (q), 141.9 (q), 135.9 (q), 134.4 (q), 126.3 (+), 122.6 (+), 59.2 (-), 36.9 (-), 31.8 (-), 10.7 (+). ESI-MS: calculated: 402.2016; found: 403.2 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%). R<sub>f</sub>: 0.2 (80% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether).

*(E)-5,5'-((5-((3,5-Dimethyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)diazenyl)isophthaloyl)bis(azanediy))dipentanoic acid (29)*

The compound was synthesized according to general procedure V. The compound was purified through preparative HPLC (MeCN in H<sub>2</sub>O/0.05% TFA, 5-98% in 13 min). The product was obtained as yellow solid (14 mg, 0.03 mmol, 4%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ = 8.49 (dt, *J* = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 8.42 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (q, *J* = 4.7, 3.7

Hz, 2H), 2.56 (s, 6H), 2.37 (td,  $J = 6.5, 3.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.70 (p,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta = 176.0$  (q), 167.4 (q), 167.1 (q), 153.7 (q), 141.9 (q), 135.9 (q), 134.4 (q), 132.1 (q), 128.5 (+), 124.6 (+), 124.4 (+), 39.4 (-), 33.1 (-), 28.5 (-), 22.1 (-), 10.6 (+). ESI-MS: calculated: 486.2227; found: 487.2 ( $\text{MH}^+$ , 25%), 388.2 (100%), 289.1 (50%). HR-MS: 487.2296 ( $\text{MH}^+$ ). IR:  $\tilde{\nu} = 3340$  (w), 3176 (w), 3094 (m), 2960 (m), 1715 (s), 1625 (s), 1558 (s), 1409 (s), 1290 (s), 1241 (s), 1185 (s), 760 (s), 678 (s).  $R_f$ : 4.8 min.

*3-(2-(4-Hydroxy-2-methylphenyl)hydrazineylidene)pentane-2,4-dione (31)*

The reaction was performed according to the procedure reported by Stricker *et al.*<sup>28</sup>

The product was obtained as yellow powder (1.43 g, 6.10 mmol, 78%).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta = 15.11$  (s, 1H), 9.71 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.86 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 2.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d,  $J = 2.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta = 196.7$  (q), 196.4 (q), 156.3 (q), 133.1 (q), 132.1 (q), 127.8 (q), 117.7 (+), 117.1 (+), 115.0 (+), 31.5 (+), 26.9 (+), 17.0 (+). ESI-MS: calculated: 234.1004; found: 235.1 ( $\text{MH}^+$ , 100%). HR-MS: 235.1077 ( $\text{MH}^+$ , 100%). IR:  $\tilde{\nu} = 3138$  (m), 2110 (w), 1629 (m), 1595 (m), 1368 (m), 1327 (s), 1197 (s), 931 (m), 816 (s).  $R_f$ : 0.6 (80% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether). Melting point: 231 °C.

*3-(2-(4-(2-Hydroxyethoxy)-2-methylphenyl)hydrazineylidene)pentane-2,4-dione (32<sup>2</sup>)*

The compound was synthesized according to general procedure VI. The product was obtained as red oily solid (106 mg, 0.38 mmol, 9%) after MPLC (C18, 5-100% MeCN in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}/0.05\%$  TFA).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta = 7.69$  (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.92 (dd,  $J = 8.9, 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.05 (dd,  $J = 5.3, 4.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.86 (dd,  $J = 5.3, 4.1$  Hz, 2H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta = 197.7$  (q), 197.1 (q), 157.4 (q), 133.2 (q), 132.8 (q), 127.4 (+), 116.3 (+), 113.6 (+), 69.5 (-), 60.3 (-), 30.1 (+), 25.2 (+), 15.7 (+). ESI-MS: calculated: 278.1267; found: 301.1 ( $\text{MNa}^+$ , 10%), 279.1 ( $\text{MH}^+$ , 100%). The corresponding hydrazone derivative could be formed following Strecker *et al.*<sup>28</sup> and was confirmed by ESI-MS.

ESI-MS: calculated: 274.1430; found: 275.2 ( $\text{MH}^+$ , 10 0%).

*3-(2-(4-(3-Hydroxypropoxy)-2-methylphenyl)hydrazineylidene)pentane-2,4-dione (32<sup>3</sup>)*

The compound was synthesized according to general procedure VI. The product was obtained as red oily solid (139 mg, 0.476 mmol, 11%) after MPLC (C18, 5-100% MeCN in H<sub>2</sub>O/0.05% TFA).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.84 – 6.66 (m, 1H), 4.06 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.97 (p, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  = 197.5 (q), 196.9 (q), 157.5 (q), 133.0 (q), 132.7 (q), 127.3 (q), 116.2 (+), 116.2 (+), 113.5 (+), 64.6 (-), 58.1 (-), 32.0 (-), 30.1 (+), 25.2 (+), 15.7 (+). ESI-MS: calculated: 292.1423; found: 315.1 (MNa<sup>+</sup>, 10%), 293.1 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%). HR-MS: 293.1496 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%).

*(E)-3-((4-(3-Hydroxypropyl)phenyl)diazenyl)-1H-indol-5-ol (37)*

ESI-MS: calculated: 281.1164; found: 282.2 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%).

*3-(2-Bromophenoxy)propan-1-ol (39<sup>3</sup>)*

Ortho-bromo phenol (4.0 g, 23.12 mmol) was dissolved in acetone (150 mL). K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (9.6 g, 69.36 mmol) and 3-chloro propan-1-ol (1.9 mL, 23.12 mmol) were added and the reaction mixture was heated to 70 °C for 72h. Silica gel was added to the cooled reaction mixture and the solvent was evaporated. The dry load was chromographed through MPLC (EA in PE, 30 to 50%). The desired product was obtained as colorless oil. The alkylation agent could not be fully removed through chromatography or distillation. Hence, the compound was converted as a mixture.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  = 7.53 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 6.91 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 3.97 – 3.88 (m, 2H), 2.11 (p, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  = 155.0 (q), 133.3 (+), 128.5 (+), 122.1 (+), 112.9 (+), 112.1 (q), 67.6 (-), 61.0 (-), 31.8 (-). APCI-MS: 250.0 (MNH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>Br<sup>81</sup>, 100%), 248.0282 (MNH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>Br<sup>79</sup>, 100%), 232.9997 (MH<sup>+</sup>Br<sup>81</sup>, 90%), 231.0016 (MH<sup>+</sup>Br<sup>79</sup>, 90%). HR-MS: 250.0264 (MNH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>Br<sup>81</sup>, 100%), 248.0 (MNH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>Br<sup>79</sup>, 100%), 233.0 (MH<sup>+</sup>Br<sup>81</sup>, 90%), 231.0 (MH<sup>+</sup>Br<sup>79</sup>, 90%). IR:  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3325 (w), 2881 (w), 1588 (m), 1669 (s), 1274 (s), 1245 (s), 1051 (s), 746 (s). R<sub>f</sub> 0.6 (80% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether).

*3-(2-Bromo-4-nitrophenoxy)propan-1-ol (40<sup>3</sup>)*

The starting material (14.72 mmol) was dissolved in H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (conc, 6 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. HNO<sub>3</sub> (2 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at this temperature for two hours and subsequently, poured onto crushed ice. The aqueous phase was extracted with

DCM (3x20 mL) and the combined organic phases were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and the crude product directly converted in the next step.

ESI-MS: calculated: 274-9793; found: 295.0 (MHH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>Br<sup>81</sup>, 100%), 293.0 (MHH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>Br<sup>79</sup>, 95%), 276.0 (MHH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>Br<sup>79</sup>, 100%), 298.0 (MHH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>Br<sup>81</sup>, 100%).

#### *3-(4-Amino-2-bromophenoxy)propan-1-ol (4I<sup>3</sup>)*

The starting material (14.72 mmol) was dissolved in EtOH (100 mL) and HCl (12M, aq, 60 mL). SnCl<sub>2</sub> (9.96 g, 44.16 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 16h. The mixture was cooled to ambient temperature and EA (100 mL) was added. The phases were separated, and the volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. ESI-MS confirmed that the residues of the aqueous phase contained the desired product. The crude, beige solid was directly used for the next step.

ESI-MS: calculated: 245.0051; found: 248.0 (MH<sup>+</sup> Br<sup>81</sup>, 100%) 246.0 (MH<sup>+</sup> Br<sup>79</sup>, 100%).

#### III.1.4.2 Strains, expression vectors, enzymes, and chemicals

Expression strains used for production of HisF and HisH were purchased from Agilent Technologies (*E. coli* BL21 Gold (DE3)) and Qiagen (*E. coli* M15). Both expression vectors were taken from previously published works: pET-11c for HisF expression<sup>3</sup> and pQE-70 for HisH expression.<sup>2</sup> The synthesis of ProFAR and PRFAR was performed as previously described.<sup>30</sup> Glutamate dehydrogenase (GDH) was purchased from Roche. All other chemicals were purchased from commercial sources and were of analytical grade or higher.

#### III.1.4.3 Expression and purification of ImGP synthase from *T. maritima*

HisF and HisH were produced by heterologous gene expression adapted from previously published work.<sup>2</sup> The *E. coli* strains containing the respective expression vectors were grown in two to four liter of Luria-Bertani medium at 37 °C to an optical density of OD<sub>600</sub> = 0.6. After 30 min at 30 °C, protein expression was induced with 0.5 mM IPTG, followed by incubation of the cultures over night at 30 °C. Bacterial pellets were harvested and resuspended in either 50 mM Tris/HCl pH 7.5 (HisF) or 50 mM KP pH 7.8 (HisH). Sonification and repeated centrifugation yielded the protein-containing supernatant, which was subjected to a heat step (15 min 75 °C for HisF and 15 min 70 °C for HisH) followed by ion exchange chromatography with a MonoQ column (HR 16/10, 20 mL, Pharmacia). Proteins were eluted with a linear gradient of 0-2.25 M NaCl and fractions containing the proteins were pooled and dialyzed against the previously used buffers without NaCl. In order to remove DNA contaminations, ammonia sulfate precipitation was applied to the proteins.

Finally, the proteins were further purified with a size exclusion chromatography column (Superdex 75 HiLoad 26/600, GE Healthcare) using 50 mM HEPES, 100 mM NaCl pH 7.5 as running buffer. Fractions were checked on SDS-PAGE analysis for > 90% purity, pooled, concentrated, and dripped into liquid nitrogen for storage at  $-80^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

#### III.1.4.4 Steady-state kinetics

Measurements were in general performed at constant  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$  in a spectrophotometer (Jasco V650-UV/Vis spectrophotometer) and activities were deduced from the initial slopes of transition curves. Exact reaction conditions are given under each Figure describing the respective experiment. The ammonia-dependent HisF activity and the glutamine-dependent total reaction of IGPS were measured at 300 nm following PRFAR turnover ( $\Delta\epsilon_{300}(\text{PRFAR}-\text{AICAR}) = 5637 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$ ).<sup>3</sup> HisH activity was determined in a coupled enzymatic assay with glutamate dehydrogenase (GDH) as helper enzyme and  $\text{NAD}^{+}$  as co-substrate. Activity was detected at 340 nm according to  $\text{NAD}^{+}$  turnover ( $\Delta\epsilon_{340}(\text{NADH}-\text{NAD}^{+}) = 6300 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$ ). This assay was regularly performed continuously, however, in order to circumvent the stimulating effect of  $\text{NAD}^{+}$  on HisH activity, it was performed discontinuously as described previously in detail.<sup>2</sup> All reactions were started by the addition of the IGPS complex.

#### III.1.4.5 Inhibition studies

$IC_{50}$  measurements were performed by keeping the substrate concentration constant while the inhibitor concentration was varied in an at least 100-fold range. For HisF, PRFAR was kept constant at twofold  $K_m$  ( $7 \mu\text{M}$ ) and for HisH, ProFAR as stimulator and glutamine as substrate were kept constant at saturating conditions ( $40 \mu\text{M}$  and  $8 \text{ mM}$ , respectively). Determined initial velocities ( $v_i$ ) were then normalized to the initial velocity without inhibitor ( $v_0$ ) and half-logarithmically plotted against each inhibitor concentration  $[I]$ . In order to identify  $IC_{50}$ , the data were then fitted with the dose-response equation based on the Hill model, with  $H$  as Hill coefficient:<sup>31</sup>

$$\frac{v_i}{v_0} = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{[I]}{IC_{50}}\right)^H}$$

Using the  $IC_{50}$  curves, three inhibitor concentrations in the range of 30-70% inhibition were chosen for  $K_i$  measurements.<sup>31</sup> In presence of each chosen concentration of inhibitor, substrate saturation curves with increasing concentrations of PRFAR were recorded for HisF in at least duplicates. By fitting the resulting data with the Michaelis-Menten equation,  $v_{max}$  and apparent Michaelis constants  $K_m^{app}$  were determined for each inhibitor concentration.

Finally, the inhibition constant  $K_i$  of each DTE compound was calculated with the following equation:<sup>31</sup>

$$K_i = \frac{K_m \cdot [I]}{K_m^{app} - K_m}$$

The  $K_m$  of PRFAR turnover in HisF is 3.6  $\mu$ M (List et al., 2012). Via the Cheng and Prusoff relationship<sup>32</sup> the quality of the inhibition data was checked by converting the  $IC_{50}$  values, involving the used substrate concentration [S] and the  $K_m$  value, into  $K_i$  values:

$$K_i = \frac{IC_{50}}{1 + \frac{[S]}{K_m}}$$

#### III.1.4.6 MD simulations

MD simulations were conducted with Yasara<sup>33</sup> version 16.9 and force field AMBER03, based on the IGPS complex (pdb-id 1gpw, chain CD). Prior to MD simulations, the ligands were added to the complex in open and closed conformations by superposition of the ligand to the phosphates of the native ligand PRFAR bound in the crystal structure of IGPS from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (pdb-id 1ox5). A simulation cell was created, which was 5 Å larger than the protein along each axis and filled with water to a density of 0.997 g/mL, and counterions were added to a final concentration of 0.9 % NaCl. The simulation was conducted at 25 °C adjusted by the Berendsen thermostat. For each temperature, three independent simulation runs of length 100 ns were performed with slightly different temperatures ( $\pm 0.1$  °C) to alter starting conditions. Each minimization consisted of an initial equilibration step of length 14 ps. A short MD simulation of 100ps was conducted to adjust the ligand in the binding pocket by allowing only ligand movement. During the next 100 ns of simulation, movement of all the whole protein was allowed and a snapshot was recorded every 20 ps. All figures with molecular structures were generated with PyMOL.<sup>34</sup>

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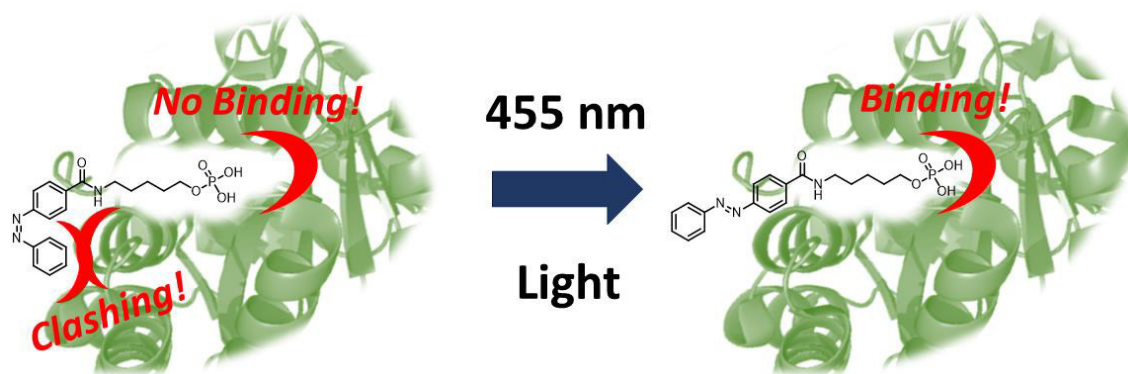
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### III.2 Photochromic Ligands for the Trp-Synthase Multienzyme complex

#### Abstract:

In recent years, more and more chemists are developing light-addressable, bioactive molecules in the growing field of *photopharmacology*. Many processes have already been subjected to photoregulation to either elucidate mechanistic relationships or limit drug-activity in a spatiotemporal manner. In particular, many examples show that the catalytic activity of enzymes can be modulated using photoswitchable ligands. Thereby, the active center is usually blocked by a competitive inhibitor. However, many enzymes are allosterically coupled in multienzyme complexes such as the well-investigated heterotetrameric tryptophan synthase. Hence, the subunit's interplay is tightly regulated and coordinated. Developing photocontrollable tools for such processes would allow to probe the allosteric communication of the subunits spatiotemporally through light and, consequently, open a novel approach to study such complex processes.



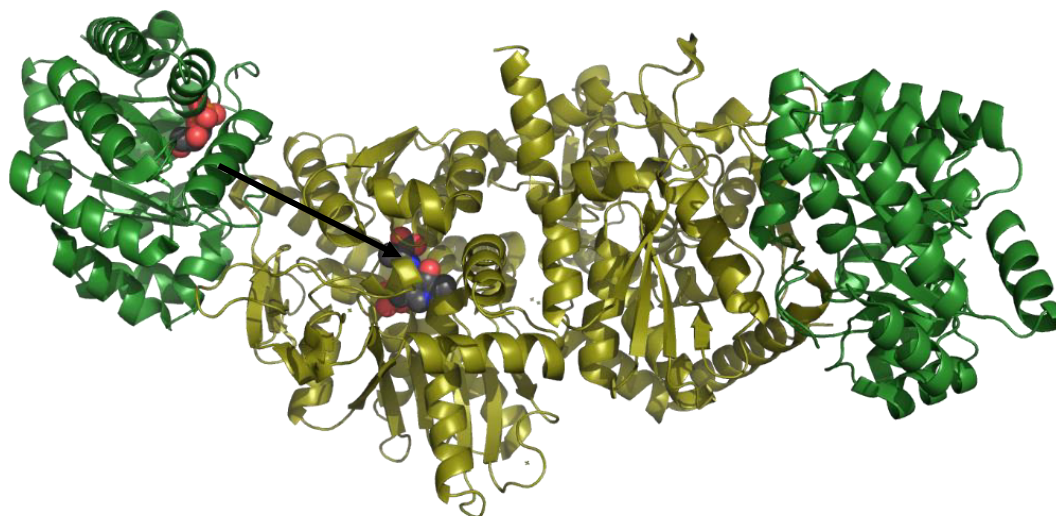
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### III.2.1 Introduction

The usage of light to generate energy, motion and transport information is known to biology since cellular life is existing. Energy production through photosynthesis or the transport of visual information through isomerization of retinal in our eye are only two of the many admirable examples where nature is exploiting light.<sup>1</sup> In recent years, more and more chemists are mimicking these strategies and developing light-addressable, bioactive molecules in the growing field of *photopharmacology*.<sup>2,3</sup> Thereby, potential photocontrollable drugs,<sup>4</sup> antibiotics<sup>5,6</sup> and tool compounds for *e.g.* many enzymatic processes<sup>7-9</sup> have been developed. These photocontrollable tools are very often photoswitchable ligands inhibiting the catalytic reaction of a single enzyme.<sup>10</sup> However, many biological processes are performed by several cooperating enzymes or multienzyme complexes.

Tryptophan synthase (TS) is a multienzyme complex involved in the last two steps of tryptophan biosynthesis in bacteria, plants and fungi.<sup>11</sup> The structure consists of two different monomers:  $\alpha$  (TrpA) and  $\beta$  (TrpB) which are building a heterotetrameric, linear multienzyme complex in an  $\alpha\beta\beta\alpha$  conformation (Figure 1).<sup>12,13</sup>

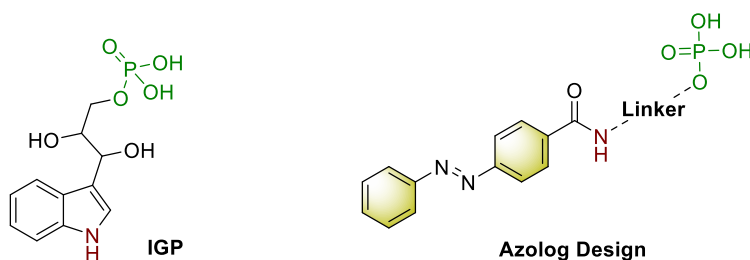


**Figure 1: The linear multienzyme complex TS in its  $\alpha\beta\beta\alpha$  conformation (green:  $\alpha$ , olive:  $\beta$ ). The TrpA-TrpB unit on the left side displays additionally IGP bound to the  $\alpha$  subunit and PLP to the  $\beta$  subunit. The black arrow indicated the way of the indole through the intramolecular protein tunnel to the active site of TrpB<sup>13</sup>**

In particular, each  $\alpha\beta$  dimer is forming a functional unit. TrpA is catalyzing the retro-aldol cleavage of indole-3-glycerol phosphate (IGP) to glycerin aldehyde-3 phosphate (GAP).<sup>11</sup> Thereby, one molecule of indole is cleaved off and transported through an intramolecular protein tunnel to the active site of TrpB. There, it is used to synthesize tryptophan (trp) from serin using pyridoxal phosphate (PLP) as a cofactor. Similar but more complex as in IGPS

(see Chapter III.1), both reactions, indole synthesis in TrpA and tryptophan (trp) synthesis in TrpB, require a tight allosteric regulation of both subunits.<sup>11, 12</sup> Upon binding of IGP in the TrpA active site, binding of serine in the TrpB active site is enhanced facilitating the initial reaction of serine with the PLP cofactor. The resulting formation of an intermediate aminoacrylate in turn enhances the turnover of IGP to indole, which is then transported to the TrpB active site where it reacts with the aminoacrylate to form tryptophan.<sup>11</sup>

In contrast to IGPS, TS has been well investigated and the mechanism of the bidirectional allosteric communication between the alpha and beta subunit is significantly understood.<sup>11</sup> However, probing of the multienzyme complex has never been realized *via* a photoactuator.



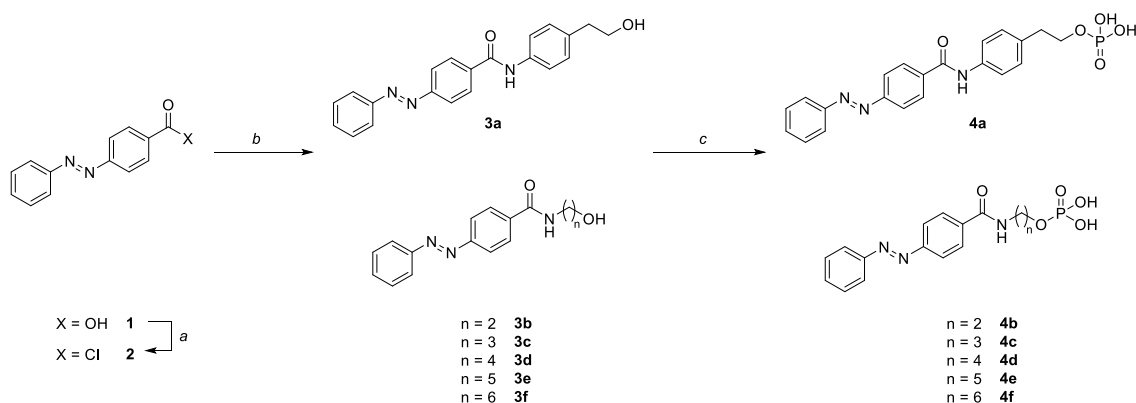
**Figure 2: Design of azologs: the main interaction site of IGP (left), the phosphate (green), should be installed in varying distance (dashed line) to the NH-function (brown) and the azo moiety (olive) to find a ligand with a geometry that mediates high affinity binding of one photoisomer and lower affinity binding of the other.**

In order to achieve this goal, we attempted to employ a known *photopharmacological* strategy.<sup>14</sup> Analyzing the binding mode of IGP towards the Trp subunit, we identified the phosphate motif (green, Figure 2) as the main and the NH function of the indole ring (brown, Figure 2) as an additional interaction site.<sup>11, 12</sup> Consequently, we intended to mimic the binding sites in our synthetical ligand and designed appropriate azo-analogues (*azologs*, Figure 2).<sup>14</sup> In particular, the phosphate motif is attached in varying distances to the azo moiety, which is equipped with an amide group, through linkers with different lengths (dashed green line, Figure 2). In this way, we intended to find a ligand exhibiting the optimal geometry to bind the enzyme in one photoisomer and to show weaker binding properties in the other, potentially due to steric clashes of the changed geometry of the azo moiety (*cf.* Figure 2). This would eventually generate a photocontrollable ligand, allowing to probe the allosteric communication of TS in a spatiotemporal manner through light.

## III.2.2 Results and Discussion

### III.2.2.1 Synthesis

To synthesize a small library of azologs of IGP, we started from commercially available 4-carboxy azobenzene (**1**, Scheme 1). We converted the carboxylic acid, by treatment with  $\text{SOCl}_2$ , into the corresponding acyl chloride **2**, which was directly reacted with differently functionalized amines to give **3a–f** (3–31% yield). In the last step, the compounds were reacted with  $\text{POCl}_3$  using 1,8-bis(dimethylamino)naphthalene (*proton sponge*) as a base to functionalize the alcohol group. Upon aqueous workup, the phosphorus chloride was hydrolyzed, resulting into the corresponding phosphate derivatives **4a–f**. After preparative HPLC purification, the compounds were isolated as orange solids. The yields were highly substrate dependent on the substrate and varied from low (0.2%) to moderate (37%).

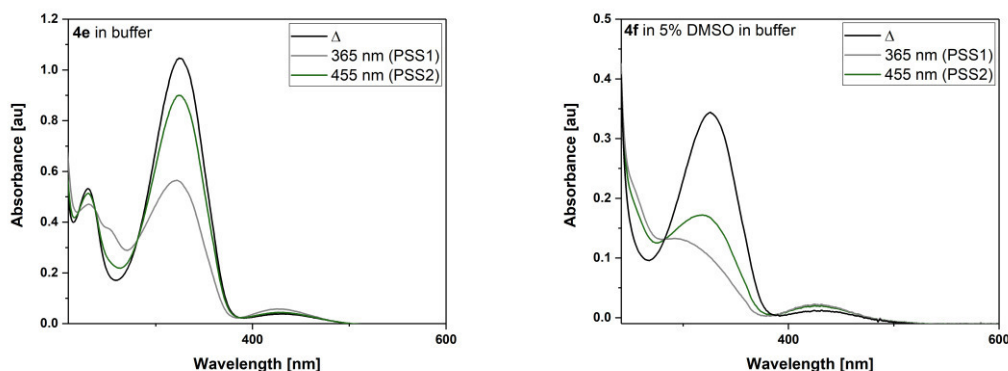


**Scheme 1: Synthetic approach towards photochromic TS ligands.** *a*:  $\text{SOCl}_2$ , 80 °C, 2h (not isolated). *b*: 4-(2-hydroxyethyl)aniline or suitable amino alcohol (1 eq), dry pyridine/dry  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (1:5), r.t., 16 h, 3-31%. *c*: method I: 1) *proton sponge* (3 eq),  $\text{POCl}_3$ , dry THF/dry  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , 0 °C to r.t., 2h; 2) acetone/water (1:1), 0.2-7% (**4a,b,d,f**); method II: 1) *proton sponge* (3 eq),  $\text{POCl}_3$ ,  $\text{PO}(\text{OMe})_3$ , 0 °C to r.t., 2h; 2) acetone/water (1:1), 0.5-37% (**4c,e**).

### III.2.2.2 Photophysical Characterization

To investigate the photophysical properties of compounds **4a–f**, we characterized them through UV/Vis spectroscopy. Figure 3 exemplarily depicts the spectra of **4e** and **4f** in phosphate saline buffer (further spectra and a tabular overview can be found in the Appendix, Section A.III.2.3.).

All compounds exhibited a main absorption maximum between 324 nm to 335 nm depending on the substitution and the amount of DMSO (to enhance the solubility) in the solution. This absorption band could be attributed to the  $\pi\pi^*$  transition present in all classical azobenzenes.<sup>15</sup> Upon irradiation with 400 nm light, the band decreased and simultaneously the band around 420 nm arose, which was attributed to formation of the  $n\pi^*$  of the *Z*-isomer, reaching the PSS.<sup>15</sup>



**Figure 3: UV/Vis spectra of compounds 4e (68  $\mu$ M) and 4f (22  $\mu$ M). The individual solvents are specified in the spectrum. Black lines depict the absorption spectrum at the thermal equilibrium ( $\Delta$ ), grey lines at the PSS1 (irradiation with 365 nm LED), green lines at the PSS2 (irradiation of PSS1 with a 455 nm LED).**

The metastable *Z*-isomer was found to have a thermal lifetime in the range of a few days (for compound **4e** in buffer 3.76 d, see Appendix, Section A.III.2.3.). However, the *Z*-to-*E* isomerization could also be induced photochemically through irradiation with light of 455 nm (green lines, Figure 3). However, the composition of the thermal equilibrium (D) could not be regenerated, probably due to overlap of the  $n\pi^*$  band of the *E*-isomer and the  $n\pi^*$  band of the *Z*-isomer. Summing up, compounds **4a–f** exhibited two-way photoswitching in aqueous environment and the *Z*-isomers possessed lifetimes in the range of a few days.

### III.2.3 Conclusion and Outlook

In conclusion, we designed a series of six photochromic ligands to study the allosteric cooperation mechanism in TPS. In particular, the two main interaction sites (the phosphate group and the indolic NH) of the parent ligand, IGP, was chosen to be mimicked in the synthetic ligands. To find the optimum distance between the phosphate function and the azo moiety and to be able to modulate the immersion of the phosphate motif into the enzyme towards the binding site, we varied the distance between both anchoring groups with different linkers. All the compounds were synthetically accessible from 4-carboxy benzene *via* formation of a corresponding amide bearing an alcoholic function, which was subsequently phosphorylated. Subsequently, the phosphate azo switches were characterized regarding their photophysical properties. All compounds showed two-way photoswitching with purple (400 nm) or blue light (455 nm), respectively. The thermal lifetime was exemplarily determined for compound **4e** and resulted to be in the range of a few days.

Hence, all requirements are fulfilled to investigate the compounds in an enzyme assay and use them as light-controllable tools to deepen the insight into the mechanism of TS.

### III.2.4 Experimental Section

#### *General procedure for amide formation*

A crimp top vial was equipped with (E)-4-(phenyldiazenyl) benzoic acid (1 eq) and dissolved in SOCl<sub>2</sub> (1 mL per 200 mg). The suspension was heated to 80 °C for two hours to give a clear, red solution. The reaction mixture was cooled to ambient temperature and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The vial was flushed with vacuum/nitrogen for three times and dry CHCl<sub>3</sub> (5 mL) was added under nitrogen atmosphere. To this, a solution of the respective aniline (1 eq) or amino alcohol (1eq), respectively, in dry pyridine (1 mL) was added dropwise through a syringe. The solution was stirred for 16 h and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified through MPLC (20 → 100% EA in PE).

Analytical samples were purified through HPLC (MeCN in H<sub>2</sub>O/0.05% TFA 5-100% over 20 min) to give all compounds as orange solids. Proton-NMR could be recorded using a Bruker Avance 400 MHz NMR. However, due to low solubility of the compounds, carbon NMRs had to be recorded on a Bruker Avance 600 Kryo. Unfortunately, the compounds decomposed partly during measuring. Thus, carbon signals were assigned using HSQC measurements.

#### *(E)-N-(4-(2-Hydroxyethyl)phenyl)-4-(phenyldiazenyl)benzamide (3a)*

(E)-4-(Phenyldiazenyl) benzoic acid (4.42 mmol) was employed. **3a** was obtained in 8 % yield (0.37 mmol). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, 10% MeOD-*d*<sub>4</sub> in Chloroform-*d*): δ = 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.98 – 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.92–7.89 (m, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.53 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.76 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.80 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 132.0 (+), 130.3 (+), 130.1 (+), 129.6 (+), 123.8 (+), 123.4 (+), 121.1 (+), 64.0 (-), 30.4 (-). Assignment was based on HSQC measurements due to low concentrations and lability of the compound. Thus, quaternary carbons could not be assigned. ESI-MS: calculated: 345.1477, found: 713.3 (2MNa<sup>+</sup>, 5%; 368.1 MNa<sup>+</sup>, 10%; 346.2 MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%). HR-MS (ESI): found: 368.1373 (MNa<sup>+</sup>, 15%), 346.1559 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%). IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3351(m), 3045 (w), 2926 (w), 2863 (w), 1648 (s), 1520 (s), 1051 (m), 861 (m), 820 (m), 771 (m), 686 (m). R<sub>f</sub>(10%MeOH in DCM): 0.6.



*(E)*-N-(2-Hydroxyethyl)-4-(phenyldiazenyl)benzamide (**3b**)

(E)-4-(Phenyldiazenyl) benzoic acid (4.42 mmol) was employed. **3b** was obtained in 31 % yield (1.39 mmol).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 8.10 – 8.05 (m, 2H), 7.98 – 7.90 (m, 4H), 7.60 – 7.51 (m, 3H), 3.68 (t,  $J$  = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 3.50 (q,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 129.5 (+), 129.2 (+), 128.2 (+), 122.7 (+), 122.3 (+), 60.8 (-), 42.5 (-). Assignment was based on HSQC measurements due to low concentrations and decomposition of the compound during the extended measuring time. Thus, quaternary carbons could not be assigned. ESI-MS: calculated: 269.1164, found: 561.2 ( $2\text{MNa}^+$ , 20%), 292.1 ( $\text{MNa}^+$ , 20%), 270.1 ( $\text{MH}^+$ , 100%). HR-MS (ESI): found: 292.1062 ( $\text{MNa}^+$ , 20%), 270.1242 ( $\text{MH}^+$ , 100%). IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3258 (w), 3064 (w), 3926 (w), 1722 (m), 1626 (m), 1268 (s), 1092 (m), 857 (m), 686 (s).  $R_f$  (10%MeOH in DCM): 0.5.

*E)*-N-(3-Hydroxypropyl)-4-(phenyldiazenyl)benzamide (**3c**)

(E)-4-(Phenyldiazenyl) benzoic acid (2.10 mmol) was employed. **3c** was obtained in 10 % yield (0.22 mmol).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 8.16 – 8.06 (m, 2H), 8.03 – 7.87 (m, 4H), 7.75 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 3.64 (t,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.55 (q,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.80 (p,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 166.1 (q), 153.9 (q), 152.5 (q), 137.1 (q), 131.7 (+), 129.3 (+), 128.3 (+), 122.8 (+), 122.5 (+), 59.1 (-), 36.9 (-), 32.5 (-). ESI-MS: calculated: 283.1324, found: 306.1 ( $\text{MNa}^+$ , 20%), 284.1 ( $\text{MH}^+$ , 100%). HR-MS (ESI): found: 306.1215 ( $\text{MNa}^+$ , 20%), 284.1401 ( $\text{MH}^+$ , 100%). IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3368 (w), 3291 (m), 3060 (w), 2937 (w), 2881 (w), 1627 (s), 1536 (s), 1073 (m), 775 (m), 686 (s).  $R_f$  (10%MeOH in DCM): 0.5.

*(E)*-N-(4-Hydroxybutyl)-4-(phenyldiazenyl)benzamide (**3d**)

(E)-4-(Phenyldiazenyl) benzoic acid (2.21 mmol) was employed. **3d** was obtained in 3 % yield (0.06 mmol).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 8.11 – 8.06 (m, 2H), 7.99 – 7.93 (m, 4H), 7.63 – 7.55 (m, 3H), 3.59 (t,  $J$  = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.51 – 3.39 (m, 2H), 1.78 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.66 – 1.55 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 165.5 (q), 153.8 (q), 152.5 (q), 137.4 (q), 131.7 (+), 130.8 (+), 129.3 (+), 128.2 (+), 122.8 (+), 122.4 (+), 61.3 (-), 39.6 (-), 30.2 (-), 26.2 (-). ESI-MS: calculated: 297.1477, found: 617.3 ( $\text{MNa}^+$ , 40%), 320.1 ( $\text{MNa}^+$ , 20%), 298.2 ( $\text{MH}^+$ , 100%). HR-MS: 320.1376 ( $\text{MNa}^+$ , 40%), 298.1559 ( $\text{MH}^+$ , 100%). IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3321 (w), 3045 (w), 2926 (w), 2862 (w), 1647 (s), 1521 (s), 861 (m), 820 (s), 771 (s), 865 (s).  $R_f$  (10%MeOH in DCM): 0.5.

*(E)-N-(5-Hydroxypentyl)-4-(phenyldiazenyl)benzamide (3e)*

(E)-4-(Phenyldiazenyl) benzoic acid (1.33 mmol) was employed. **3e** was obtained in 5 % yield (0.07 mmol). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 8.11 – 8.05 (m, 2H), 7.99 – 7.94 (m, 4H), 7.63 – 7.56 (m, 3H), 3.54 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.47 – 3.40 (m, 2H), 1.65 (p, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.59 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.51 – 1.42 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 130.2 (+), 129.3 (+), 128.2 (+), 122.8 (+), 122.4 (+), 62.3 (-), 40.5 (-), 33.4 (-), 29.4 (-), 24.1 (-). Assignment was based on HSQC measurements due to low concentrations and decomposition of the compound during the extended measuring time. Thus, quaternary carbons could not be assigned. ESI-MS: calculated: 311.1634, found: 312.2 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%). HR-MS: 334.1531 (MNa<sup>+</sup>, 40%), 312.1712 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%). IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3295 (w), 3052 (w), 2933 (w), 2870 (w), 1714 (s), 1629 (s), 1536 (s), 1271 (s), 1119 (m), 775 (s), 686 (s). R<sub>f</sub> (10%MeOH in DCM): 0.8.

*(E)-N-(6-Hydroxyhexyl)-4-(phenyldiazenyl)benzamide (3f)*

(E)-4-(Phenyldiazenyl) benzoic acid (4.32 mmol) was employed. **3a** was obtained in 2 % yield (0.07 mmol). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 8.10 – 8.06 (m, 2H), 8.00 – 7.93 (m, 4H), 7.65 – 7.53 (m, 3H), 3.53 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.43 (td, *J* = 7.2, 5.8 Hz, 2H), 1.64 (p, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.56 – 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.45 – 1.36 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 152.8 (+), 152.5 (+), 131.7 (+), 129.3 (+), 128.3 (+), 122.8 (+), 122.4 (+), 62.4 (-), 40.6 (-), 33.8 (-), 30.7 (-), 30.6 (-), 27.2 (-). Assignment was based on HSQC measurements due to low concentrations and decomposition of the compound during the extended measuring time. Thus, quaternary carbons could not be assigned. ESI-MS: calculated: 325.1790, found: 673.3 (2MNa<sup>+</sup>, 25%), 348.2 (MNa<sup>+</sup>, 35%), 326.2 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%). HR-MS: 348.1687 (MNa<sup>+</sup>, 20%), 326.1869 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%). IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3384 (w), 3295 (m), 2937 (m), 2855 (m), 1627 (s), 1531 (s), 1297 (m), 858 (m), 775 (s), 686 (s). R<sub>f</sub> (10%MeOH in DCM): 0.5.

*General procedure I for phosphorylation*

An oven-dried crimp top vial was equipped with compound **3a,b,d,f** (1 eq), *proton sponge* (3 eq) and a stirring bar, and sealed. The vial was purged with vacuum/nitrogen (three times each) before dry CHCl<sub>3</sub> (1 mL per 0.15 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and POCl<sub>3</sub> in dry THF (1:2, 0.5 mL per 0.15 mmol) was added dropwise *via* syringe. Then, the mixture was allowed to warm to ambient temperature and was stirred for two hours. After quenching with acetone/water (1:1), the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the

crude product was purified through preparative HPLC (MeCN in H<sub>2</sub>O/0.05% TFA, 5→95%). The products were obtained as orange powder after lyophilization.

*General procedure II for phosphorylation*

An oven-dried crimp top vial was equipped with compound **3c,e** (1 eq), *proton sponge* (3 eq) and a stirring bar, and sealed. The vial was purged with vacuum/nitrogen (three times each) before PO(OMe)<sub>3</sub> (1 mL per 0.15 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and POCl<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mL per 0.15 mmol) was added dropwise *via* syringe. Then, the mixture was allowed to warm to ambient temperature and was stirred for two hours. After quenching with acetone/water (1:1), the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the crude product was purified through preparative HPLC (MeCN in H<sub>2</sub>O/0.05% TFA, 5→95%). The products were obtained as orange powders after lyophilization. Due to the low reaction yields, Carbon NMR was not feasible in case of **4a-d,f**.

*(E)-4-(4-(Phenyldiazenyl)benzamido)phenethyl dihydrogen phosphate (4a)*

Compound **3a** (125 mg, 0.36 mmol) was employed. **4a** was obtained in 0.5% yield (0.8 mg, 0.002 mmol). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ = 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.96 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.60–7.54 (m, 3H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.98 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ = 0.01. ESI-MS: calculated: 425.1141, found: 426.1 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 55%), 380.1 (50%), 346.2 (100%), 309.1 (50%), 224.1 (30%); found: 424.1 ((M-H)<sup>-</sup>, 100%), 344.1 (30%). HR: 426.1210 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 424.1079 ((M-H)<sup>-</sup>, 100%). IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\tilde{\nu}$  = HPLC: 2922 (w), 2662 (w), 1647 (m), 1524 (m), 1062 (s), 771 (s), 686 (s). R<sub>t</sub> = 15.7 min, >99% purity (220nm), 96% purity (254 nm trace).

*(E)-2-(4-(Phenyldiazenyl)benzamido)ethyl dihydrogen phosphate (4b)*

Compound **3b** (374 mg, 1.38 mmol) was employed. **4b** was obtained in 0.2% yield (1.2 mg, 0.003 mmol). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ = 8.07 – 7.89 (m, 6H), 7.62 – 7.48 (m, 6H), 3.79 – 3.69 (m, 4H). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ = -0.01. ESI-MS: calculated: 349.0828. found: 348.1 ((M-H)<sup>-</sup>, 100%). IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3299 (w), 2963 (w), 2930 (w), 1629 (s), 1536 (s), 861 (s), 775 (s), 686 (s). HPLC: R<sub>t</sub> = 16.2 min, 95% purity (220nm), 96% purity (254 nm trace).

*(E)*-3-(4-(Phenyldiazenyl)benzamido)propyl dihydrogen phosphate (**4c**)

Compound **3c** (63 mg, 0.22 mmol) was employed. **4c** was obtained in 7% yield (5.3 mg, 0.02 mmol). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ=8.69 (s, 0H), 8.08 – 7.89 (m, 1H), 7.69 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 3.67 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 0H), 3.56 (tt, *J* = 6.9, 2.9 Hz, 0H), 2.10 (p, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 0H). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ =0.00. ESI-MS: calculated: 347.3108. found: 346.1 (MH<sup>-</sup>, 100%). IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3317 (w), 3079 (w), 2937 (w), 2463 (w), 1625 (m), 1543 (m), 1442 (m), 1286 (m), 857 (m), 775 (s), 686 (s). HPLC: R<sub>t</sub>= 18.1 min, 95% purity (220 nm and 254 nm).

*(E)*-4-(4-(Phenyldiazenyl)benzamido)butyl dihydrogen phosphate (**4d**)

Compound **3d** (293 mg, 0.99 mmol) was employed. **4d** was obtained in 4% yield (14.7 mg, 0.04 mmol). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ =8.18 – 8.06 (m, 4H), 8.03 – 7.96 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.56 (m, 3H), 4.90 (t, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.46 – 2.32 (m, 2H). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ =0.01. ESI-MS: calculated: 377.1141, found: 378.1 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 247.3 (80%), 223.1 (30%); found: 376.1 ((M-H)<sup>-</sup>, 100%). HR: 378.1215 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 376.1078 (MH<sup>-</sup>, 100%). IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3414 (w), 3029 (w), 1662 (s), 1275 (m), 1178 (s), 1115 (s), 690 (s). HPLC: R<sub>t</sub>= 18.7 min, 97% purity (220 nm), 95% purity (254 nm).

*(E)*-5-(4-(Phenyldiazenyl)benzamido)pentyl dihydrogen phosphate (**4e**)

Compound **3e** (184mg, 0.59 mmol) was employed. **4e** was obtained in 37% yield (86.7 mg, 0.22 mmol). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ =8.04 – 7.73 (m, 6H), 7.51 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 3.89 (q, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.30 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.70 – 1.48 (m, 4H), 1.40 – 1.28 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ =168.0 (q), 154.1 (q), 152.5 (q), 136.4 (q), 131.5 (+), 129.0 (+), 128.0 (+), 122.6 (+), 122.4 (+), 66.2 (-), 39.6 (-), 29.8 (-), 28.6 (-), 22.7 (-). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ =0.16. ESI-MS: calculated: 391.1297, found: 390.1 ((M-H)<sup>-</sup>, 90%), 269.1 (100%). HR-MS: 392.1372 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%). IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3313 (w), 3049 (w), 2930 (w), 2860 (w), 1643 (m), 1525 (m), 1010 (s), 771 (s), 686 (s). HPLC: R<sub>t</sub>= 13.4 min, 98% purity (220 nm), <99% purity (254 nm).

*(E)*-6-(4-(Phenyldiazenyl)benzamido)hexyl dihydrogen phosphate (**4f**)

Compound **3f** (24 mg, 0.074 mmol) was employed. **4f** was obtained in 7% yield (1.9 mg, 0.005 mmol). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ =8.02 – 7.92 (m, 6H), 7.60 – 7.51 (m, 3H), 3.97 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.41 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.68 (dp, *J* = 13.7, 6.8 Hz, 4H), 1.46 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 4.4 Hz, 4H). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ =0.30. ESI-MS: calculated: 405.1454,

found: 406.2 ( $\text{MH}^+$ , 25%), 274.3 (100%), 214.1 (90%); found: 404.1 ( $(\text{M-H})^-$ , 100%). HR: 406.1526 ( $\text{MH}^+$ , 100%), 404.1388 ( $(\text{M-H})^-$ , 100%). IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3314 (w), 2930 (m), 2855 (m), 1625 (m), 1536 (m), 1014 (s), 775 (s). HPLC:  $R_t$ = 14.0 min, 95% purity (220 nm), <99% purity (254 nm).

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IV. PHOTOCHROMIC SMALL MOLECULAR ENZYME  
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# Chapter IV

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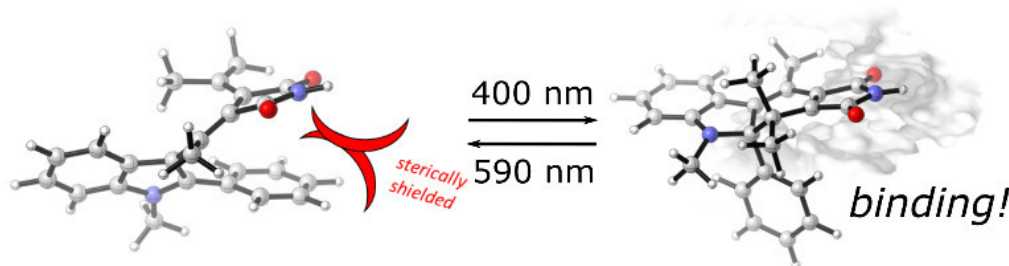
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## IV.1 Photochromic Indolyl Fulgimides as Chromo-Pharmacophores Targeting Sirtuins

### Abstract:

Sirtuins are involved in epigenetic regulation, the pathogenesis of cancer and, several metabolic and neurodegenerative diseases. Though being a promising drug target, only one small molecule passed class II clinical trials so far. Deriving a better mechanistic understanding is hence crucial to find new modulators. We previously reported on a series of dithienylmaleimides as photochromic tools compounds. However, their photochromic behavior was limited. To improve the interconversion and stability of both photoisomers, we replaced the dithienylmaleimide with a fulgimide as photochromic core to result in biologically active compounds reversibly addressable with purple and orange light. We characterize the obtained compounds regarding their spectroscopic properties, their photostability and binding characteristics towards sirtuins resulting in a fully remote-controllable Sirtuin modulator using visible light as the external stimulant.



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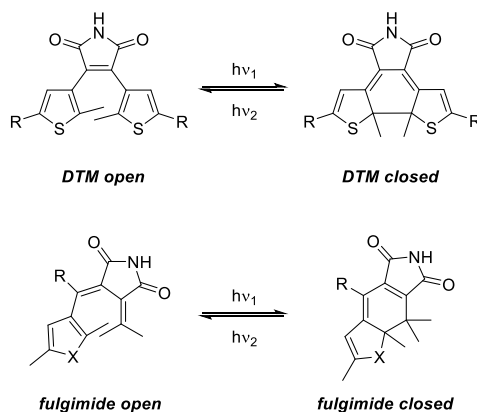
NAS synthesized compounds **1b** and **1c** and their precursors and characterized them. NAS performed all UV/Vis spectroscopic studies and HPLC analysis and wrote the manuscript. LMA synthesized compound **1a** and **7d-f** and their precursors. EB assisted with synthesis. NW performed enzymatic studies and wrote that part of the manuscript. MJ and BK supervised the work.

#### IV.1.1 Introduction

Histone deacetylases (HDACs) are an enzyme family involved in epigenetic regulation but have also been associated with the pathogenesis of cancer and several further human illnesses, like metabolic or neurodegenerative diseases. Hence, HDACs became an interesting target in both anticancer research and epigenetics. The enzyme family is divided in four subclasses. Class I, II and IV are zinc-dependent amidohydrolases. The members of class III (sirtuins) require  $\text{NAD}^+$  as a co-substrate.<sup>1-5</sup> In the human genome seven different sirtuin isotypes are encoded (Sirt1-7).<sup>6</sup> HDACs became an interesting target in both anticancer research and epigenetics. Indeed, several anticancer drugs targeting HDAC class I and II are already in clinical trial or approved therapeutics.<sup>7</sup> However, for sirtuins only one small molecule inhibitor passed class II clinical trials so far, the indole-based inhibitor Selisistat (EX-527).<sup>8</sup> The most promising classes of small molecule inhibitors towards sirtuins up to this date include their endogenous inhibitor, namely nicotinamide and its analogues, splitomicins,<sup>3</sup> suramins,<sup>9</sup> chromon-4-ones, chromones,<sup>10,11</sup> the human Sirt2 (hSirt2) selective SirReals, that induce a rearrangement in the active site of hSirt2,<sup>12</sup> thienopyrimidinones<sup>13</sup> and bisindolylmaleimides (BIMs).<sup>2</sup> To find new modulators of the sirtuins, a deeper mechanistic insight regarding their bioactivity is needed.

In the last decade, the development of small photochromic molecules in biological research has increased rapidly due to their highly diverse applicability. Moreover, the usage of light as an external control element in a biological context is very appealing as it is orthogonal to most cellular processes and can be easily regulated regarding dose, space and time.<sup>14, 15</sup> Especially for the investigation of enzymatic processes, photoswitches have been incorporated into larger biomolecules as non-natural amino-acids or have been used as photo-controllable enzyme ligands.<sup>16</sup> In this fashion, photoswitchable modulators for *e.g.* ATP synthase,<sup>17</sup> the respiratory chain,<sup>18</sup> kinases,<sup>19,20</sup> proteasomes,<sup>21</sup> acetylcholinesterase,<sup>22</sup> the dopamine receptor,<sup>23</sup> and, HDACs<sup>24,25</sup> are reported.

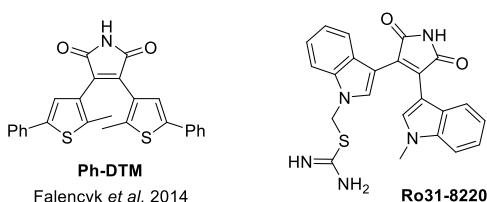
Diarylethenes (DAEs), fulgides and fulgimides are frequently employed as photochromic moiety since they usually form thermally very stable photoisomers. The pivotal photo-reaction of both photoswitches is a reversible ring closure and ring opening electrocyclization, interconverting a flexible open (less colored) and a rigid closed (more colored) photo-isomer (*cf.* Scheme 1).<sup>16</sup>



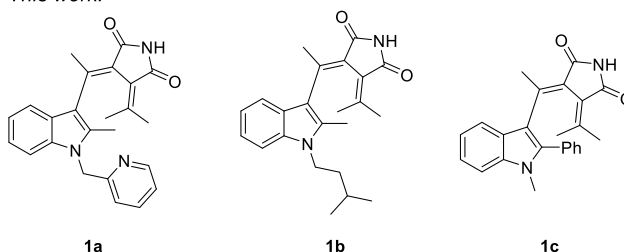
**Scheme 1: Light-induced photo-isomerization of dithienylmaleimides (DTMs) and fulgimides:** Irradiation with  $h\nu_1$  triggers the ring-closure reaction to result in the more colored, rigid closed form. Through the application of suitable lower-energetic light ( $h\nu_2$ ) the reaction can be reversed.

In order to control a biochemical process by means of a photoswitchable ligand, the photochromic moiety of the modulator should be in close proximity to a site that interacts strongly with the biomolecule.<sup>26</sup> Optimally, the interaction is fully intact in one photoisomeric state, but not in the other. We intended to fully exploit this concept by merging the biochemically interacting and the photochromic site in the same moiety, to form a so-called *chromo-pharmacophore*,<sup>25</sup> where the photochemical changes influence the bio interaction the most.

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**Chart 1: Top: Previously developed dithienylmaleimide switch by Falencyk *et al.* inspired by the sirtuin bisindolylmaleimide (BIM) inhibitor Ro31-8220 (Published by the Royal Society of Chemistry).<sup>25</sup> Bottom: Indolyl fulgimides investigated in this work regarding improved photochromic behavior.**

Previously, we reported the synthesis and biological evaluation of dithienylmaleimides (DTMs) as photo-controllable inhibitors for sirtuins (**Ph-DTM**, Chart 1).<sup>25</sup> The structure was inspired by Ro31-8220, which has been identified as a hSirt2 inhibitor.<sup>2</sup> Indeed, both molecules have in common a maleimide core. Whereas the parent inhibitor exhibits two indole substituents, the photoswitch has two thiophene groups attached to the core. It can be photoisomerized with light of 312 nm and 530 nm exhibiting selectivity towards hSirt2 with one photoisomer showing a 22-fold better affinity than the other. Although being a promising starting point in the development of photochromic sirtuin ligands, **Ph-DTM** faced two main limitations: 1) photo-isomerization has to be triggered applying highly energetic UV-light, which can be tolerated in enzyme assays, but could be a serious drawback for future application in more complex cellular- or tissue-based- assays; 2) photoinduced ring closure could only be facilitated in non-polar solvents due to a twisted intramolecular electron charge transfer within the photoswitch in polar environment (*e.g.* buffered aqueous systems). Thus, under assay conditions photoswitching was only feasible in one direction.<sup>25</sup>

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Here, we envisioned to replace the DTM core through an indolyl fulgimide (**1a-c**, Chart 1) that are known to photoisomerize in aqueous systems.<sup>23, 24</sup> The indole moiety causes a bathochromic shift in the absorption spectrum of the molecule, allowing to trigger the ring-closing reaction of the switch with purple light (400 nm). In addition, indole allows further substitutions through functionalized alkyl chains as present in Ro31-8220 and many other BIMs.<sup>2</sup> Hence, we report the development of a small series of indolyl fulgimides as chromopharmacophores. We will investigate the compounds regarding their spectroscopic characteristics as well as their activity towards sirtuins.

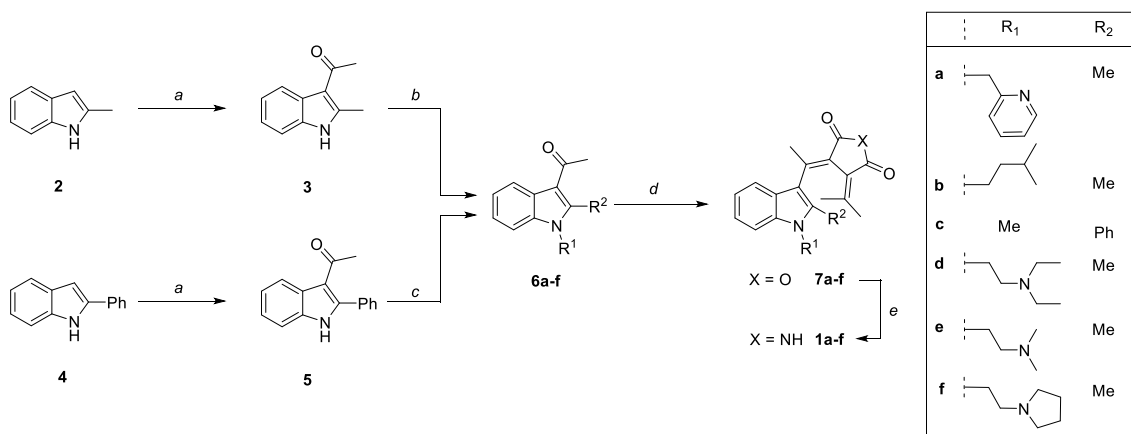
## IV.1.2 Results and Discussion

### IV.1.2.1 Design and Synthesis

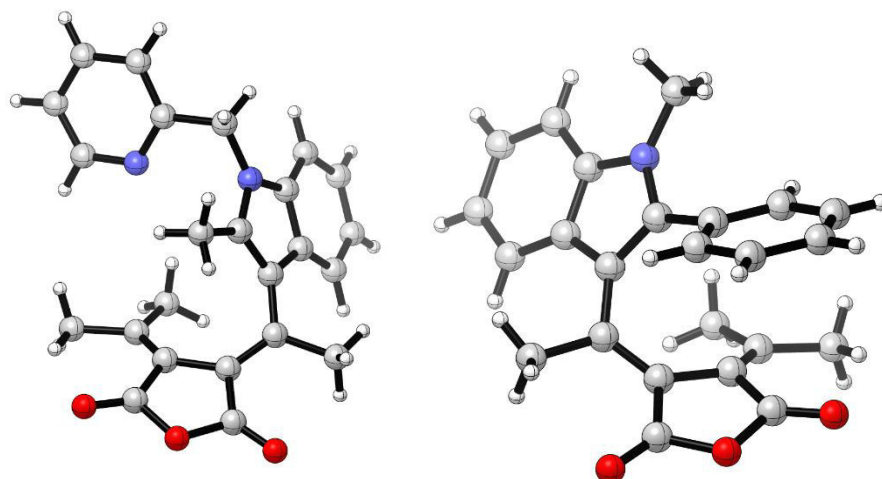
We sought to synthesize a small library of indolyl based fulgimides as the indole core is known to induce a bathochromic shift in the compound's absorption profile and can be *N*-alkylated with various side-chains (**1a-f**, Scheme 1).<sup>30</sup> Position 2 of the indole core is substituted with either a methyl group (**1a, b, d-f**) or a phenyl group (**1c**) to prevent oxidation upon ring-closure. As this substituent is involved in the electrocyclic ring-closure, usually a methyl group is used representing the smallest possible choice.<sup>1</sup> However, we envisioned a

larger geometrical difference upon isomerization if a phenyl ring is part of the rearrangement. Hence, we designed compound **1c** bearing this novel feature.

The synthesis towards fulgimides **1a-f** involved a Stobbe-condensation as key step.<sup>24</sup> We started from commercially available 2-Me or 2-Ph indole (**2** and **4**, Scheme 2). An acetyl group was installed in position 3 (83% or 64% yield, respectively) *via* a Vilsmeier-Haack reaction (path *a*, Scheme 2).<sup>31</sup> Compound **3** was treated with KOH and alkylated using various functionalized alkyl chlorides to generate substituted indoles **6a, b, d-f** (path *b*, 15-79% yield). Similarly, compound **5** was treated with NaH and MeI to obtain derivative **6c** (path *c*, 79%). Subsequently, compounds **6a-f** were employed in a Stobbe condensation with diethyl 2-(propan-2-ylidene)succinate, resulting in fulgides **7a-c** (*d*, 16-19%). Additionally, **7a** and **7c** were successfully crystallized and their X-Ray structure was measured (Figure 1). Compounds **7d-f** turned out to be highly unstable during the isolation attempts (see Experimental Section), probably due to the tertiary aliphatic amine in the side chain. Thus, we decided to use the crude mixtures of **7d-f** in the last reaction step, involving the aminolysis of the fulgides with NH<sub>3</sub> and a subsequent ring-closure to form the central pyrrolin-2,5-dinone ring using (trimethylsilyl)diazomethane and NaH (*e*, Scheme 2).<sup>32</sup> Fulgimides **1a-c** could be isolated after column chromatography and subsequent preparative HPLC (2-10% yield). However, the formation of compounds **1d-f** was not observed.



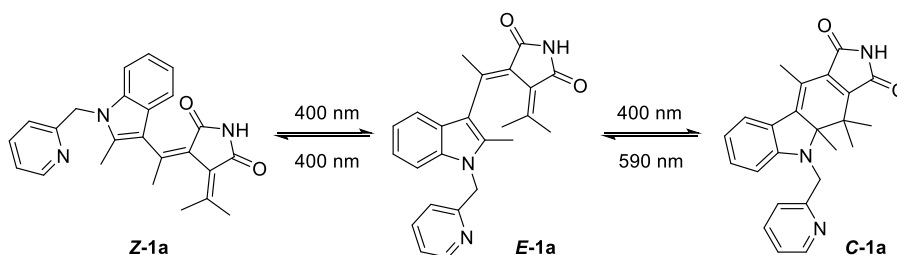
**Scheme 2:** Synthesis of fulgimides **1a-f**: *a*: POCl<sub>3</sub>, DMA, 80 °C, 2h (**3**: 83%, **5**: 64%). *b*: alkyl chloride, KOH, DMF, 80 °C, 20h (15-79%). *c*: MeI, NaH, DMF, 0→r.t., 16h, 79%. *d*: diethyl 2-(propan-2-ylidene)succinate, LDA, THF, N<sub>2</sub>, -105 °C→r.t., 18h; then, KOH, EtOH, 70 °C, 24h; then, AcCl, 40 °C, 18h (16-19%, **7d-f** directly converted). *e*: NH<sub>3</sub> (2M in MeOH), N<sub>2</sub>, 18h; then, (trimethylsilyl)diazomethane, MeOH; then, NaH, THF (2-10%, **1d-f** decomposed during the preparation).



**Figure 1: X-Ray structures of compounds 7a (left) and 7c (right).**

#### IV.1.2.2 Photochromic Properties

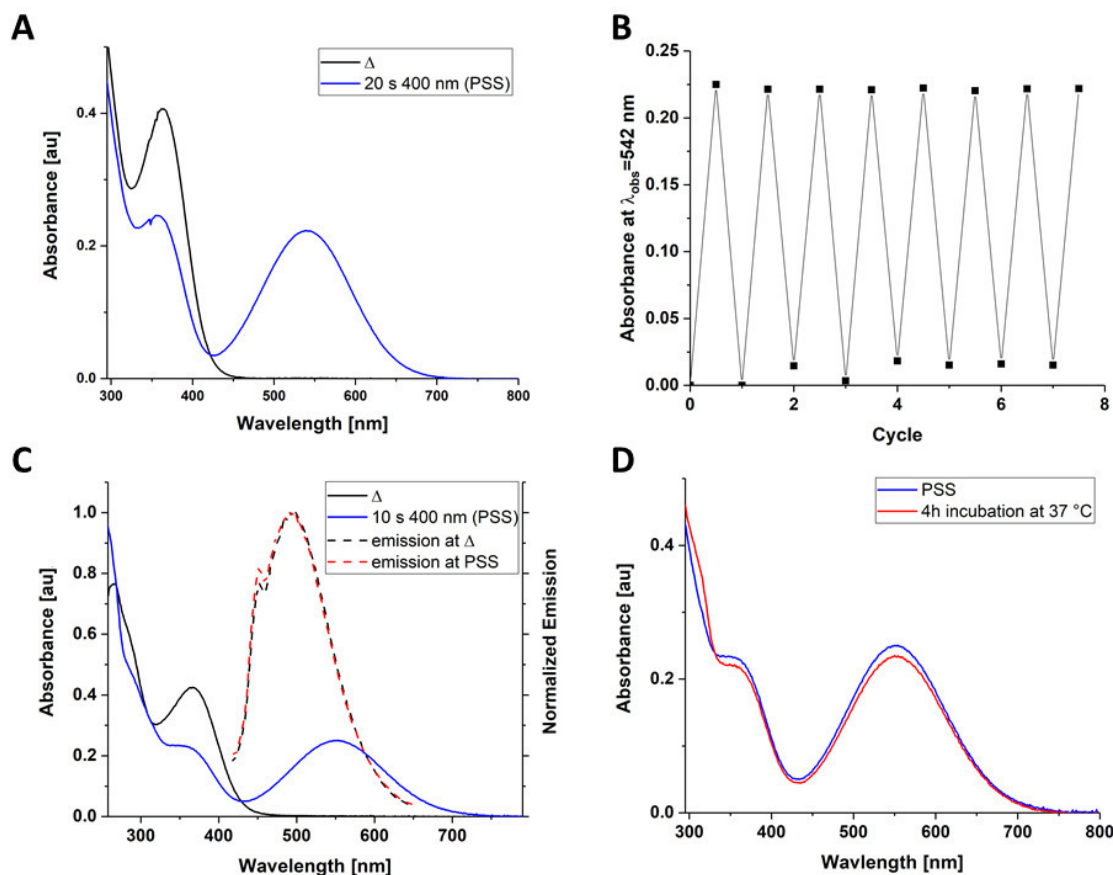
Fulgimides exhibit three distinct photoisomers: the two ring-opened isomers (in their *E* and *Z* configuration) and the ring-closed isomer (*C*). Scheme 3 exemplary shows the light-triggered isomerizations of compound **1a**. The open photoisomers interconvert between each another through irradiation with light of 400 nm.<sup>30</sup> However, only the *E*-isomer can cyclize under these conditions to form the closed isomer **C-1a**. The ring-closed photoisomer **C-1a** is thermally stable (stability test at 37 °C showed hardly any ring-opening of compounds **C-1a** and **C-1c** over four hours, which are comparable to assay conditions, but **C-1b** resulted in decomposition; *vide infra* and A.IV.1.2.) and can be re-opened photochemically through irradiation with light of 590 nm.



**Scheme 3: Photoisomers of compound 1a: *Z*-1a can isomerize to *E*-1a under irradiation with 400 nm light reversibly. The same wavelength triggers the ring-closure reaction to form *C*-1a, which can be back-isomerized to its open form *E*-1a through irradiation with 590 nm light.**

The photochemical behavior of fulgimides **1a-c** was investigated in DMSO and buffered aqueous solutions (ZMAL assay buffer,<sup>33</sup> *vide infra* and A.IV.1.4.). The spectra of **1a** are shown exemplarily in Figure 2. The open isomers of **1a-c** exhibit the main absorption band around 380 nm, which is tailing into the visible region giving the compounds a bright yellow color at the thermodynamic equilibrium (see Figure 2 and A.IV.1.3. for further spectra as

well as composition of the thermodynamic equilibrium). Upon irradiation with light of 400 nm, the band around 380 nm decreases and a new, broad absorption band around 580 nm arises. The new band can be attributed to the ring-closed isomer, which UV/Vis spectrum is bathochromically shifted due to its extended  $\pi$ -conjugation throughout the scaffold.<sup>33</sup> Hence, the solution at the photostationary state (PSS) appears violet in color.



**Figure 2: Spectroscopic properties of compound 1a in various solvents. A:** UV/Vis spectrum of 1a 100 $\mu$ M in DMSO (black: open form, blue: PSS). **B:** Fatigue resistance of 1a 100 $\mu$ M in DMSO over eight cycles ( $\lambda_{\text{obs}} = 542$  nm). **C:** Spectra of 1a 100 $\mu$ M in assay buffer/DMSO 1:2 (solid black: UV/Vis spectrum of open form, solid blue: UV/Vis spectrum of PSS, dashed black: fluorescence emission spectrum of open form, dashed red: fluorescence emission spectrum at PSS). **D:** Temperature stability of C-1a at 37 °C.

Table 1 summarizes the photochromic properties of fulgimides **1a-c**. The PSS of the compounds was reached in 10-35 seconds and contained 19-73% of the closed isomer (determined through analytical HPLC, see A.IV.1.2. for traces and Table A1 in the respective section for a wider range of measurements). The quality of the PSS appears to strongly depend on the substitution pattern of the indole moiety. Indeed, the phenyl substituent in position 2 of **1c** seems to sterically hinder the ring-closure reaction. All fulgimides show excellent fatigue resistance in repetitive cycle performance (alternated irradiation with light

of 400 nm and 590 nm, A.IV.1.2.). Noteworthy, the behavior of **1a-c** can be photoisomerized similar in DMSO and aqueous systems, which is an important characteristic for application in a biological environment.

**Table 1: Photochromic properties of fulgimides 1a-c (concentration of 100  $\mu$ M).**

Compound	Solvent	$\lambda_{\max}^{\Delta}$ [nm]	$\lambda_{\max}^{\text{closed}}$ [nm]	$\epsilon_{\lambda_{\max}^{\text{closed}}}$	Isosbestic Point [nm]	PSS <sup>a</sup> E/Z/C [%]
1a	DMSO	363	542	7446	420	n.d. <sup>b</sup>
	Buffer/DMSO (2:1)	366	552	n.d. <sup>b</sup>	431	n.d. <sup>b</sup>
	Buffer (5% DMSO) <sup>c</sup>	261	564	7284	421	62:19:19 <sup>d</sup>
1b	DMSO	366	563	10714	421	23:10:66
	Buffer/DMSO (2:1)	274, 375	588	4447	335, 416	23:4:73
	DMSO	296, 364	583	4914	408	45:24:31
1c	Buffer/DMSO (2:1)	296, 372	606	5148	272, 436	53:18:29
	Buffer (5% DMSO)	n.d. <sup>b</sup>	n.d. <sup>b</sup>	n.d. <sup>b</sup>	n.d. <sup>b</sup>	65:3:32 <sup>d</sup>

<sup>a</sup>after irradiation with  $\lambda=400$  nm determined by HPLC. <sup>b</sup>n.d. = not determined. <sup>c</sup>the concentration was 25 $\mu$ M. <sup>d</sup>The solution was irradiated with 400 nm for one minute.

Another interesting spectroscopic characteristic was observed. While irradiating the samples at 400 nm we found that the compounds exhibit fluorescence. Hence, we recorded the emission spectra of compounds **1a-c** in a mixture of the assay buffer and DMSO (2:1) exciting the sample at 390 nm (*cf.* assay read-out, *vide infra*). All compounds showed fluorescence maxima around 480 nm in both photoisomers. Additionally, compounds **1a** and **1b** exhibit a second maximum at 450 nm.

#### IV.1.2.3 Biological Evaluation

The inhibition of three human sirtuin isoforms (hSirt1-3) by **1a** and **c** was tested with the fluorescence based ZMAL assay (Compound **1b** did not appear to be thermally stable and was hence excluded from biological evaluation).<sup>34</sup> The photoswitches were incubated in a 96-well plate and tested at the thermodynamic equilibrium and at the PSS. Therefore, photoisomerization to the PSS was initiated directly in the assay mixture using a 96-LED irradiation setup (400 nm for 15 min, setup see A.I.1.). Comparison of the maximum activity of the sirtuins without inhibitor showed that irradiation alone did not have any influence on



the enzymatic activity. Since the compounds are fluorescent, the intrinsic fluorescence under assay conditions was measured and subtracted from the total fluorescence intensity detected. Table 2 shows the inhibition of the three sirtuin isotypes at 100  $\mu\text{M}$  in percent and the  $\text{IC}_{50}$  values for the most active compounds **1a** and **1c**.

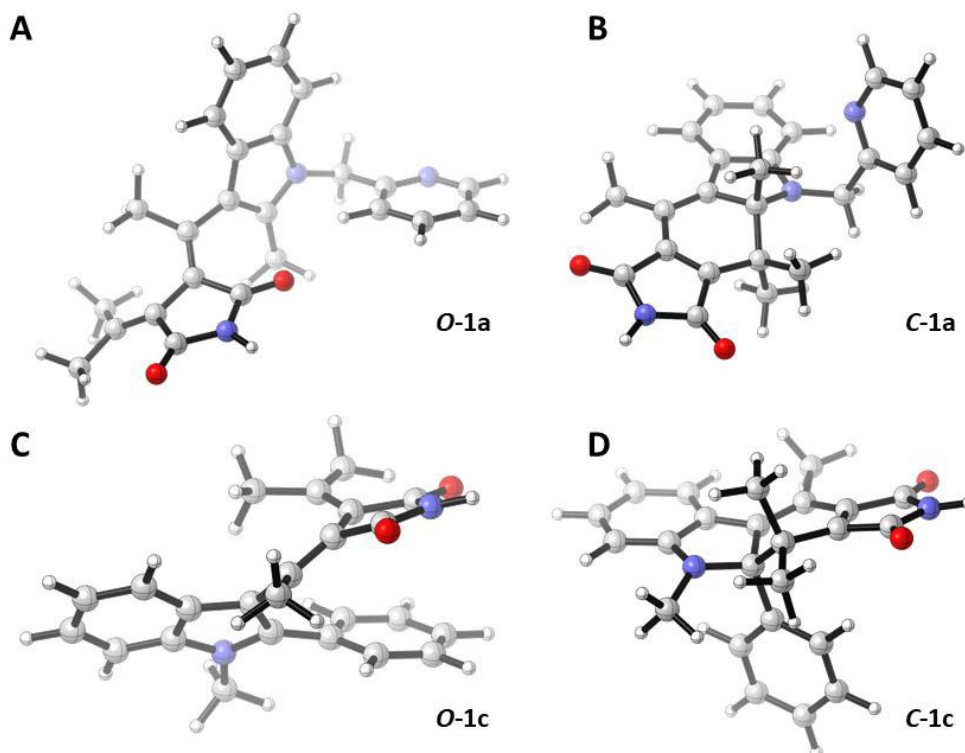
**Table 2: Percentage inhibition of sirtuins at 100  $\mu\text{M}$  or  $\text{IC}_{50}$  in  $\mu\text{M}$ .**

Compound	hSirt1		hSirt2		hSirt3	
	$\Delta$	PSS	$\Delta$	PSS	$\Delta$	PSS
<b>1a</b>	20.7 %	20.0 %	$19.9 \pm 1.6 \mu\text{M}$	$30.4 \pm 3.5 \mu\text{M}$	22.6 %	n.i. *
<b>1c</b>	n.i. *	n.i. *	28.8 %	$29.6 \pm 4.8 \mu\text{M}$	4.7 %	n.i. *

\* n.i. = no inhibition at 100  $\mu\text{M}$

For **1a** a 1.5-fold difference in inhibition towards hSirt 2 between the thermodynamic equilibrium and the PSS was detected. The 2-phenyl group in **1c** is untypical in classical fulgimides and was expected to result in a greater steric demand difference of the two photoisomers. Indeed, exhibiting an  $\text{IC}_{50}$  value of 29.6  $\mu\text{M}$  a higher inhibition of hSirt2 was detected at the PSS as compared to the thermodynamic equilibrium. Considering that at the PSS only around 30 % of the closed isomer can be achieved (*vide supra*), the closed form of **1c** appears to be a significantly better inhibitor of hSirt2 than the open one. Indeed, it was not possible to calculate an  $\text{IC}_{50}$  value for the open isomer, since the maximum inhibition for concentrations up to 500  $\mu\text{M}$  was too low (<50 %).

To visualize these findings, we optimized the structures of both photoisomers of **1a** and **1c** at the M06-2x/def2TZVP level of theory (Figure 3, see A.IV.1.6. for details). Like in the X-ray structure of its precursor (**7c** in Figure 1) the phenyl substituent in **O-1c** is orientated parallel to the succinimide moiety. As latter is essential for binding towards the enzyme, we suppose that the phenyl-ring could shield this interaction. In contrast, in **C-1c** the phenyl ring is orientated in an approximately 90-degree angle with respect to the succinimide moiety, hence, facilitating an interaction towards the active site. In both **O-1a** and **C-1a**, an interaction is possible. Changes in geometry take place mainly in the photochromic moiety of the compound leading to slightly altered binding properties.



**Figure 3:** Simulated structures of **1a** (A: open isomer, B: closed isomer) and **1c** (C: open isomer, D: closed isomer) at the M06-2x/def2TZVP level of theory.

#### IV.1.3 Summary

In summary, we attempted to improve the photochromic properties, *i.e.* the reversible photoisomerization in aqueous environment and bathochromic shift of the irradiation wavelength, of previously developed chromo-pharmacophores. Thus, we replaced the previously used DTM-based scaffold with a fulgimide. Spectroscopic characterization of three novel fulgimides showed good photoisomerization properties in both DMSO and DMSO buffer mixtures. Photoisomerization cycles could be induced with purple (400 nm) and orange (590 nm) light several times, without significant loss of performance. Moreover, the fulgimides exhibit fluorescence emission when irradiated with 390 nm or 400 nm light. Testing of **1a** and **c** towards hSirt1-3 in the well-established ZMAL-assay showed inhibition of hSirt2. For compound **1a** an  $IC_{50}$  value of 19.9  $\mu M$  was obtained at the thermodynamic equilibrium. Inhibition at the PSS was approximately 1.5-fold lower. Also, **1c** showed a difference in affinity. At the thermodynamic equilibrium, the maximum inhibition by **1c** at the highest concentration tested (500  $\mu M$ ) was still below 50 % and only the  $IC_{50}$  value at the PSS could be determined to be 29.6  $\mu M$ . This behavior could be visualized simulating the structures of both photoisomers. We found that the parallelly oriented phenyl moiety in the **O-1c** is shielding the succimide moiety and consequently preventing binding to the active

site. Hence, we could improve the photochromic properties of chromo-pharmacophores towards sirtuins as desired. Albeit succeeding in our goal, we partially lost affinity and difference in inhibition of both photoisomers compared to our previously reported series. Further structural optimizations of the presented compounds could finally lead to a fully reversibly controllable sirtuin ligand using visible light.

## IV.1.4 Experimental Section

### IV.1.4.1 Synthesis

#### *General procedure for fulgimide formation*

Fulgide **7** (1.0 eq.) was dissolved in NH<sub>3</sub> (2M in MeOH, 1 mL per 0.2 mmol) under nitrogen atmosphere and stirred at ambient temperature for 18 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in toluene (1 mL per 0.4 mmol). MeOH (1 mL per 0.2 mmol) and (trimethylsilyl)diazomethane (2M in hexane, 1.5 eq.) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1.5 h at ambient temperature. Then, the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The crude mixture was dissolved in dry THF (1 mL per 0.4 mmol) and added to a stirred suspension of NaH (60% in paraffin, 5.4 eq.) in dry THF (1 mL per 0.4 mmol) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for 24 h at room temperature and quenched with water. The mixture was extracted with EA (three times, *ca.* 2 mL per 0.1 mmol). The combined organic layers were washed with water (*ca.* 2 mL per 0.1 mmol) and brine (*ca.* 2 mL per 0.1 mmol) and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Compound **1a-1c** were purified through MPLC (NH-capped column, 20-100% EA in PE) and preparative HPLC (MeCN in 0.05% TFA/water 5-95% over 20 min). Compounds **1d-f** decomposed during the purification process and could not be isolated.

#### *3-(1-(2-Methyl-1-(pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)ethylidene)-4-(propan-2-ylidene)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione (1a)*

The product was obtained as yellow powder (6.9 mg, 0.018 mmol, 3% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ = 8.51 (ddd, *J* = 4.9, 1.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.29 (ddd, *J* = 7.7, 4.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 6.88 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (s, 2H), 2.75 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ = 170.2 (q), 169.9 (q), 157.2 (q), 148.9 (q), 147.7 (q), 143.5 (q), 137.5 (+), 137.1 (q), 134.1 (q), 125.7 (q), 124.7 (+), 124.2 (+), 122.7 (+), 121.6 (+), 120.9 (+), 120.2 (+), 119.1 (q), 117.4 (q), 109.3 (+), 70.2 (-), 25.1 (+), 21.3 (+), 20.3

(+), 10.8 (+). ESI-MS: calculated: 385.1790. found: 386.2 ( $\text{MH}^+$ , 100%) HR-MS: 386.1861( $\text{MH}^+$ , 100%). IR was not performed due to the small amount of compound obtained. HPLC: purity: >99%.  $R_t$ = 5.67 min and 6.14 min (73% E and 27% Z isomer).

*3-(1-(1-Isopentyl-2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethylidene)-4-(propan-2-ylidene)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione (1b)*

The compound was obtained as yellow solid (19 mg, 0.052 mmol, 10% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  = 7.36 (ddt,  $J$  = 10.8, 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.2, 7.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.10 – 7.01 (m, 1H), 4.15 (s, 2H), 2.72 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 1.70 – 1.60 (m, 1H), 1.60 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.01 (d,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz, 6H), 0.88 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )  $\delta$  = 171.7 (q), 171.4 (q), 148.6 (q), 145.5 (q), 137.9 (q), 135.0 (q), 126.9 (q), 126.4 (q), 125.2 (q), 122.6 (+), 121.2 (+), 120.4 (+), 118.3 (q), 110.5 (+), 42.6 (-), 40.1 (-), 27.2 (+), 26.3 (+), 23.0 (+), 22.9 (+), 21.8 (+), 12.1 (+). ESI-MS: calculated: 364.2151 found: 387.2 ( $\text{MNa}^+$ , 15%), 365.2 ( $\text{MH}^+$ , 100). HR-MS: 387.2048( $\text{MNa}^+$ , 15%), 365.2224 ( $\text{MH}^+$ , 100%). IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2956 (w), 2318 (w), 1737 (m), 1684 (m), 1580 (m), 1316 (m), 1245 (m), 734 (m). HPLC: purity: >99%.  $R_t$ = 5.75 min and 6.49 min (94% E and 6% Z isomer).

*(E)-3-(1-(1-Methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethylidene)-4-(propan-2-ylidene)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione (1c)*

The compound was obtained as yellow powder (10.5 mg, 0.028 mmol, 2 % yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Acetonitrile- $d_3$ )  $\delta$  = 7.58 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd,  $J$  = 8.2, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.27 (ddt,  $J$  = 8.1, 7.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dt,  $J$  = 7.0, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (ddt,  $J$  = 8.0, 7.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 2.69 (s, 3H), 1.89 (s, 3H), 0.91 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz, Acetonitrile- $d_3$ )  $\delta$  = 170.4 (q), 168.8 (q), 147.5 (q), 143.4 (q), 139.4 (q), 139.1 (q), 132.7 (+), 130.8 (+), 129.4 (+), 129.4 (+), 126.7 (q), 125.8 (q), 125.4 (q), 123.3 (+), 121.5 (+), 121.0 (+), 117.9 (q), 111.3 (+), 31.9 (+), 26.1 (+), 22.7 (+), 21.7 (+). ESI-MS: calculated: 370.1681 found: 371.2 ( $\text{MH}^+$ , 100%) HR-MS: 371.1754 ( $\text{MH}^+$ , 100%). IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3168 (w), 3053 (w), 2952 (w), 1737 (s), 1689 (s), 1364 (s), 1326 (m), 1200 (m), 734 (s), 701 (s). HPLC: purity: >99%.  $R_t$ =3.41 min and 3.77 min (98% E and 2% Z isomer).

#### Acetylation of Compound 4

*1-(2-Phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethan-1-one (5)*

*N,N*-Dimethyl acetamide (DMA, 4.9 mL) was cooled to 0 °C. Then,  $\text{POCl}_3$  (2.4 mL, 13.45 mmol) and 2-phenyl indole (2.0 g, 10.35 mmol) in DMA (2.6 mL) were added via syringe. The reaction mixture was heated to 80 °C for two hours. The cooled solution was then poured onto water (500 mL) and washed with diethyl ether (3x200 mL). The aqueous

phase was treated with NaOH (2M, aq) to precipitate the product. The solids were isolated through vacuum filtration over a Büchner funnel and then dried at high vacuum. The product was obtained as beige powder (2.02 mg, 8.60  $\mu$ mol, 64% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 10.92 (bs, 1H), 8.37 – 8.25 (m, 1H), 7.67 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 2.04 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  = 193.4 (q), 144.6 (q), 135.8 (q), 133.3 (q), 130.0 (+), 129.3 (+), 128.5 (+), 127.7 (q), 123.0 (+), 122.2 (+), 121.8 (+), 115.1 (q), 111.2 (+), 29.5 (+). GC-MS: calculated: 235.0997, found: 235.1 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 50%), 220.1 (100%). HR-MS: found 235.09908 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 50%). IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3176 (w), 3041 (w), 1610 (m), 1580 (m), 1408 (m), 1197 (m), 957 (m), 745 (s), 701 (s).  $R_f$ : 0.45 (40% EA in PE). Melting Point: 224  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

*General procedure for alkylation of indole derivatives (6a, b, d-f):*

The acetylated indole **3** (1.0 eq.), KOH (5.0 eq.) and the appropriate alkylation reagent (1.5 eq.) were dissolved in DMF (1.5 ml per mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 20 h at 80  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The reaction mixture was diluted with water and extracted with EA (three times, each *ca.* 2 mL per mmol). The solution was washed with water (*ca.* 2mL per mmol). The combined organic layers were dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$  and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified through automated flash column chromatography (conditions specified for each compound).

*1-(2-Methyl-1-(pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)ethan-1-one (6a)*

Purification through automated flash column chromatography (35-100% EA in PE). The product was obtained as yellowish powder (1014 mg, 3.84 mmol, 31% yield).  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  = 8.60 (ddd,  $J$  = 4.9, 1.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.05-7.99 (m, 1H), 7.52 (td,  $J$  = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.24 (dd,  $J$  = 13.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 1H), 6.59 (d, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (s, 2H), 2.76 (s, 3H), 2.71 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  = 194.8 (q), 156.0 (q), 149.7 (+), 144.8 (q), 137.2 (+), 136.3 (q), 126.5 (q), 122.7 (+), 122.4 (+), 122.2 (+), 120.9 (+), 120.1 (+), 114.9 (q), 109.8 (+), 48.39 (-), 31.8 (+), 12.7 (+). ESI-MS: calculated: 264.1263, found: 265.1 ( $\text{MH}^+$ , 100%). HR-MS: found 265.1339 ( $\text{MH}^+$ , 100%). IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2922 (m), 1625 (s), 1416 (s), 752 (s).  $R_f$ : 0.29 (50% EA in PE). Melting Point: 187  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

*1-(1-Isopentyl-2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethan-1-one (6b)*

Purification through automated flash column chromatography (35-100% EA in PE, then up to 10% MeOH in EA). The product was obtained as beige solid (2141 mg, 8.80 mmol, 63% yield). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  = 8.09 – 7.76 (m, 1H), 7.33 (ddt, *J* = 6.3, 4.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 4.28 – 3.82 (m, 2H), 2.78 (s, 3H), 2.69 (s, 3H), 1.78 – 1.70 (m, 1H), 1.67 – 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.03 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  = 194.6 (q), 144.5 (q), 135.8 (q), 126.5 (q), 121.9 (+), 121.8 (+), 120.7 (+), 114.2 (q), 109.6 (+), 41.5 (-), 38.4 (-), 31.7 (+), 26.3 (+), 22.5 (q), 12.6 (+). ESI-MS: calculated: 243.1623, found: 243.2 (M<sup>+</sup>, 60%), 228.1 (100%). HR-MS: found 243.1615 (M<sup>+</sup>). IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2956 (m), 2870 (m), 1638 (s), 1513 (m), 1461 (s), 1409 (s), 1372 (s), 1107 (m), 138 (s). *R*<sub>f</sub>: 0.83 (EA). Melting Point: 152 °C.

*1-(1-Methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethan-1-one (6c)*

Compound **5** (886 mg, 5.0 mmol) was dissolved in DMF (12.5 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. NaH (210 mg, 5.25 mmol, 60% on paraffin oil) and MeI (342  $\mu$ L, 5.50 mmol) were added in portions. The reaction was stirred at ambient temperature for 16h. Then, the reaction mixture was poured onto water (100 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3x50 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with NaOH (2M, aq, 50 mL) and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. Purification through automated flash column chromatography (25-85% EA in PE) afforded the product as pink powder (985 mg, 3.94 mmol, 79% yield). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.64 (ddd, *J* = 7.7, 1.5, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.85 – 7.78 (m, 3H), 7.79 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.67 (dt, *J* = 8.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (101 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  = 192.7 (q), 146.4 (q), 136.8 (q), 132.4 (q), 130.5 (+), 129.6 (+), 128.8 (+), 126.9 (q), 123.0 (+), 122.4 (+), 122.1 (+), 115.4 (q), 109.9 (+), 30.3 (+), 29.3(+). ESI-MS: calculated: 249.1154, found: 249.1 (M<sup>+</sup>, 30%), 234.1 (100%). HR-MS: found 249.1155 (M<sup>+</sup>). IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3063 (w), 2922 (m), 2855 (m), 1617 (m), 1577 (w), 1461 (m), 1386 (m), 1100 (m), 932 (m), 701 (s), 742 (s). *R*<sub>f</sub>: 0.58 (40% EA in PE). Melting Point: 103 °C.

*1-(1-(2-(Diethylamino)ethyl)-2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethan-1-one (6d)*

Purification through automated flash column chromatography (35-100% EA in PE, 0-20% MeOH in EA). The product was obtained as brown oil (463 mg, 1.70 mmol, 15%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  = 8.04-7.88 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.18 (m, 2H), 4.21 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.79 (s, 3H), 2.75-2.65 (m, 5H), 2.58 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 1.00 (t, *J* = 7.1

Hz, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  =194.6 (q), 144.9 (q), 135.9 (q), 126.5 (q), 121.9 (+), 121.8 (+), 120.7 (+), 114.2 (q), 109.5 (+), 51.9 (+), 47.7 (+), 42.1 (+), 31.7 (-), 12.7 (-), 12.0 (-). ESI-MS: calculated: 272.1889, found: 273.1 ( $\text{MH}^+$ , 100%). HR-MS: found 273.1967 ( $\text{MH}^+$ , 100%). IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2967 (m), 2806 (m), 1636 (s), 1408 (s), 738 (s).  $R_f$ : 0.29 (80% EA in PE).

*1-(1-(2-(Dimethylamino)ethyl)-2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethan-1-one (6e)*

Purification by automated flash column chromatography (35-100% EA in PE, 0-20% MeOH in EA) the product as brown oil (1180 mg, 4.83 mmol, 42%).  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  =8.00-7.90 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.27 (m), 7.28-7.18 (m), 4.20 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.75 (s, 3H), 2.64 (s, 3H), 2.59 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  =194.6 (q), 144.6 (q), 135.9 (q), 126.5 (q), 122.0 (+), 121.9 (+), 120.8 (+), 114.4 (q), 109.5 (+), 58.0 (-), 45.8 (+), 41.4 (-), 31.6 (+), 12.5 (+). ESI-MS: calculated: 244.1576, found: 245.1 ( $\text{MH}^+$ , 100%). HR-MS: found 245.1652 ( $\text{MH}^+$ , 100%). IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2784 (m), 1613 (s), 1408 (s), 752 (s).  $R_f$ : 0.16 (50% EA in PE).

*1-(2-Methyl-1-(2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)ethan-1-one (6f)*

Purification through automated flash column chromatography (35-100% EA in PE, 0-20% MeOH in EA). The product was obtained as brown oil (697 mg, 2.58 mmol, 22%).  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  =8.04-7.93 (m), 7.40-7.35 (m), 7.28-7.23 (m), 4.31 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.84-2.76 (m), 2.67 (s), 2.63 (t,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz), 1.83 (quintet,  $J$  = 3.3 Hz).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  =194.6 (q), 144.6 (q), 135.9 (q), 126.5 (q), 122.0 (+), 121.9 (+), 120.8 (+), 114.4 (q), 109.6 (+), 54.8 (-), 54.5 (-), 42.3 (-), 31.7 (+), 23.5 (-), 12.6 (+). ESI-MS: calculated: 270.1732, found: 271.1 ( $\text{MH}^+$ , 100%). HR-MS: found: 271.1809 ( $\text{MH}^+$ , 100%). IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2959 (m), 1628 (s), 1405 (s), 741 (s).  $R_f$ : 0.14 (80% EA in PE).

*General procedure for fulgide formation*

A solution of diethyl 2-(propan-2-ylidene)succinate (1.0 eq.) in dry THF (1.25 mL per mmol) was cooled to -105 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. A solution of LDA (1.0 eq.) was freshly prepared by adding a solution of  $n\text{BuLi}$  (1.0 eq.) to a solution of diisopropylamine (1.0 eq.) in anhydrous THF (0.5 mL per mmol) at -78 °C. The LDA-solution was added dropwise to the succinate -105 °C and was stirred for 30 min at the same temperature. A precooled (-78 °C) solution of compound **4** (1.0 eq.) in dry THF (0.4 mL per mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature for 18 hours. The reaction was

acidified with aqueous HCl (2M) and the aqueous layer was extracted with EA (three times, *ca.* 4 mL per mmol). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (*ca.* 4 mL per mmol), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in EtOH (5 mL per mmol) and a saturated aqueous solution of KOH (0.4 mL per mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 24 h, poured onto ice and acidified with aqueous HCl (2M). The aqueous layer was extracted with EA (three times, *ca.* 4 mL per mmol) and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in acetyl chloride (1.7 mL per mmol) and the solution was stirred at 40 °C for 18 hours. The solvent was evaporated *in vacuo* and the crude product was purified by automated flash column chromatography (35-100% EA in PE, 0-25% MeOH in EA) and preparative HPLC (in the case of **7a-b**; **7c** crystallized after normal phase chromatography which used for structure determination and the compound was converted after that; **7d-f** turned out to be highly unstable under HPLC conditions, NEt<sub>3</sub> treated silica gel or NH-caped silica gel. Thus, they were converted directly after identification through ESI-MS).

*(E)-3-(1-(2-Methyl-1-(pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)ethylidene)-4-(propan-2-ylidene)dihydro-furan-2,5-dione (7a)*

The pure product was obtained as yellow solid (245 mg, 0.63 mmol 19%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ = 8.58 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 1.6 Hz), 7.30-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.13 (m), 6.78 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (s, 2H), 2.83 (s, 3H), 2.18 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 6H), 1.02 (s, 3H). A set of small signals from closed photoisomer could not be avoided. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ = 164.0 (q), 163.7 (q), 156.1 (q), 153.8 (q), 149.2 (+), 149.1 (q), 137.6 (+), 136.8 (q), 135.1 (q), 125.2 (q), 123.0 (+), 122.5 (+), 121.3 (q), 121.1 (+), 120.7 (+), 119.7 (+), 119.5 (q), 117.3 (q), 109.6 (+), 48.3 (-), 26.4 (+), 23.6 (+), 22.7 (+), 12.3 (+). ESI-MS: calculated: 386.1630, found: 387.1 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%). HR-MS: found 387.1712 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%, closed form), 387.1706 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%, opened form). IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2922 (w), 1800 (s), 1748 (s), 1408 (s), 1222 (s), 920 (s), 745 (s). R<sub>f</sub>: 0.41 (50% EA in PE).

*(E)-3-(1-(1-Isopentyl-2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethylidene)-4-(propan-2-ylidene)dihydrofuran-2,5-dione (7b)*

The pure product was obtained as yellow solid (182 mg, 0.498 mmol, 16%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ = 7.42 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.22 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 7.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 6.9, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 4.18 – 3.92 (m, 2H), 2.81 (s, 3H), 2.20 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 6H), 1.63 – 1.50 (m, 3H), 1.02 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 1.4 Hz, 8H), 0.93 (s, 3H). A set of signals from closed photoisomer could not be avoided. Assignment was done through ppm



calculation and comparison with the precursor. Due to the complexity a carbon NMR was not recorded of this intermediate. ESI-MS: calculated: 365.1991, found: 753.4 (2MNa<sup>+</sup>, 45%), 388.2 (MNa<sup>+</sup>, 20%), 366.2 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%). HR-MS: found 366.2065 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%). IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2982 (w), 1804 (w), 1737 (s), 1712 (s), 1367 (m), 1282 (m), 1223 (m), 1175 (s), 1077 (s), 1029 (s). R<sub>f</sub>: 0.85 (40% EA in PE).

*(E)*-3-(1-(1-Methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethylidene)-4-(propan-2-ylidene)dihydrofuran-2,5-dione (**7c**)

The product was obtained as crystalline solid (498 mg, 1.348 mmol, 16% yield). The structure was confirmed through X-Ray analysis and converted directly.

ESI-MS: calculated: 371.1521, found: 165-3 (2M+Na<sup>+</sup>, 25%), 394.1 (M<sup>+</sup>Na<sup>+</sup>, 20%), 372.2 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%). HR-MS: 372.1594 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%).

*(E)*-3-(1-(1-(2-(Diethylamino)ethyl)-2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethylidene)-4-(propan-2-ylidene)dihydrofuran-2,5-dione (**7d**)

The product was obtained as yellow oil and was directly converted to fulgimide **1d**.

ESI-MS: calculated: 394.2256, found: 395.2 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%). HR-MS: 395.2335 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%).

*(E)*-3-(1-(1-(2-(Dimethylamino)ethyl)-2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethylidene)-4-(propan-2-ylidene)dihydrofuran-2,5-dione (**7e**)

The product was obtained as yellow oil and directly converted to fulgimide **1e**.

ESI-MS: calculated: 366.1943, found: 367.2 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%). HR-MS: found 367.2021 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%).

*(E)*-3-(1-(2-Methyl-1-(2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)ethylidene)-4-(propan-2-ylidene)dihydrofuran-2,5-dione (**7f**)

The product was obtained as yellow solid and directly converted to fulgimide **1f**.

ESI-MS: calculated: 392.2100, found: 393.2 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%). HR-MS: found 393.2177.

#### IV.1.4.2 Biological evaluation

The biological activity of compounds **1a-c** were tested employing an *in vitro* activity assay based on the deacetylation of the substrate Z-Lys(Ac-AMC) (ZMAL).<sup>34</sup> A detailed description of the procedure can be found in the Appendix. To determine the influence of the intrinsic fluorescence of the compounds a no-conversion control was performed. For preliminary testing each compound was diluted to 100 μM final assay concentration. For

compounds scoring an inhibition higher than 50 % at 100  $\mu$ M for either of the isomers an  $IC_{50}$  value was determined.

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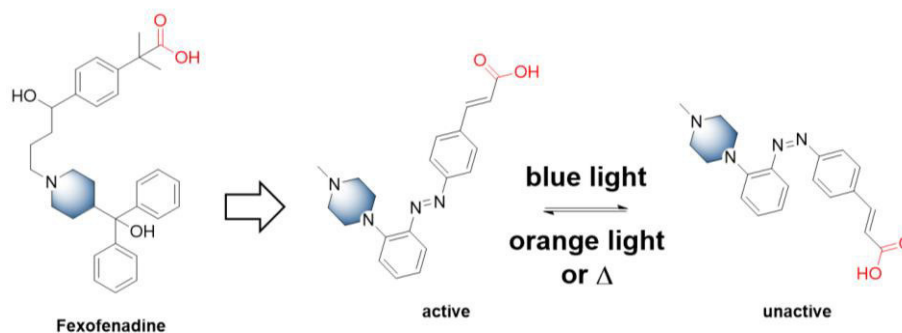
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## IV.2 Design and Synthesis of Photochromic Histamin H1 Antagonists Addressable with Visible Light

### Abstract:

The human histamine H<sub>1</sub> receptor belongs to the family of G protein coupled receptors and is involved in allergic reactions. Hence, many antagonists such as desloratadine, levocetirizine, fexofenadine or rupatadine are used in the clinic as drugs for the treatment of allergic diseases. Though structural re-design has improved the properties of the nowadays-used pharmaceuticals, they are still not free from side effects. A novel strategy to limit the activity in space and time and therefore lower side effects is to use light-triggered drugs. Hence, we envisioned that combining the crucial biological interaction motifs of the drug fexofenadine into an azo-based *chromo-pharmacophore* could be the starting point for the development of photocontrollable histamine H<sub>1</sub>R antagonists.



### Author contributions

N. A. Simeth designed, synthesized and characterized all compounds and performed UV/Vis spectroscopic studies and wrote the manuscript. Burkhard König supervised the work.

## IV.2.1 Introduction

The four histamine receptors (H<sub>1</sub>R, H<sub>2</sub>R, H<sub>3</sub>R, H<sub>4</sub>R) belong to the family A of G-protein coupled receptors (GPCRs) and accept the biogenic amine histamine as endogenous ligand. They are widely expressed throughout the body in epithelial, vascular, smooth vascular, neuronal, glial, and immune cells.<sup>1-3</sup> The human histamine H<sub>1</sub> receptor (hH<sub>1</sub>R) is particularly interesting as a subject of study as it is involved, for instance, in allergic diseases. Hence, many hH<sub>1</sub>R antagonists such as desloratadine, levocetirizine, fexofenadine or rupatadine are used in the clinic as drugs for the treatment of allergic reactions.<sup>4,5</sup> Moreover, highly selective H<sub>1</sub>R antagonists and (partial) agonists are of great interests as small molecular tool compounds to facilitate full pharmacological characterization of the receptor.<sup>6</sup> However, the development of highly selective ligands is traditionally relying on excellent synthetic design. For example, first-generation drugs for treatment of allergic reactions had significant side effects like sedation, dry mouth and arrhythmia, as a consequence of crossing the blood-brain barrier.<sup>3</sup> In contrast, second- and third-generation drugs are less likely to penetrate the blood-brain barrier, due to the introduction of polar groups like carboxylic acid moieties that limit this considerable side-effect.<sup>7</sup> Albeit exhibiting improved properties compared to first-generation compounds, second-generation pharmaceuticals, like the over-the-counter drug cetirizine, are still not free from unwanted effects.<sup>8</sup> Moreover, tool compounds are required to have a high specificity towards their receptor, a property most compounds belonging to the hH<sub>1</sub>R-interacting ones cannot fulfill so far.<sup>6,7</sup>

A novel strategy to circumvent these challenges is to use light-triggered pharmaceuticals. Indeed, the activity of a biologically relevant tool compound (or drug) is coupled to the possibility to achieve a structural change upon irradiation with light of a certain wavelength. In this manner, enhanced spatiotemporal control can be obtained without further structural optimization. In the very young field of *photopharmacology* different strategies of light-controlled molecules are under investigation.<sup>9-12</sup> A particularly successful photoactive scaffold is azobenzene. Azobenzenes undergo an *E*-to-*Z* isomerization of the central N=N double bond, which is accompanied by substantial changes in geometry and its dipole moment. The isomerization can be reversed upon treatment with light of longer wavelength or thermally.<sup>13</sup> Many scientists have focused on tuning the properties of azobenzenes. The lifetime of the meta-stable *Z*-isomer can be tuned from nanoseconds to years.<sup>14-17</sup> Also, the irradiation wavelengths have been shifted to the red introducing ortho-methoxy, ortho-methyl sulfane, ortho-piperazine, ortho-piperidine substituents and azo-push-pull systems.<sup>18-20</sup> We found the piperidine feature especially interesting as it is part of the structure of

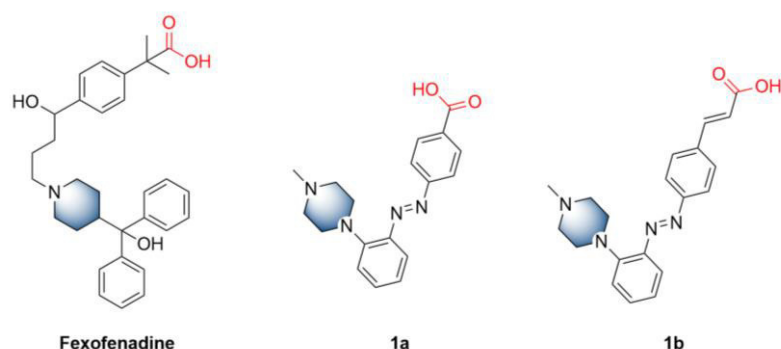


fexofenadine, a second-generation H<sub>1</sub>R drug (blue, Figure 1).<sup>7, 18</sup> Hence, we envisioned that combining the tertiary amine and the carboxylic acid motif, which are present in fexofenadine and responsible for crucial hydrogen interactions to amino acids in the active site, into an azo-based *chromo-pharmacophore* could be a good starting point in the development of photocontrollable histamine H<sub>1</sub>R antagonists.<sup>7, 21</sup>

## IV.2.2 Results and Discussion

### IV.2.2.1 Design

The design of the photochromic H<sub>1</sub>R antagonists is inspired by the second-generation drug fexofenadine (left, Figure 1). Two functional groups, namely the carboxylic acid (red, Figure 1) and the piperidine (blue, Figure 1), are reported to exhibit crucial hydrogen binding interactions to K191 and D107 in the ligand binding pocket.<sup>7</sup> To mimic the distance between both functionalities optimally, we designed a short- (**1a**, Figure 1) and a long-linker (**1b**, Figure 1) derivative. Additionally, the piperazine moiety was attached in ortho-position to the azo function to generate a red-shifted azobenzene.<sup>18, 19</sup> Hence, the switches can be expected to isomerize upon visible-light irradiation. This is of great advantage, as visible light is causing less cell damage than UV-light and can also penetrate deeper into the tissue.<sup>19</sup> Consequently, it would allow us to employ the frequently used guinea pig ileum-based assay for biological evaluation.<sup>3</sup>

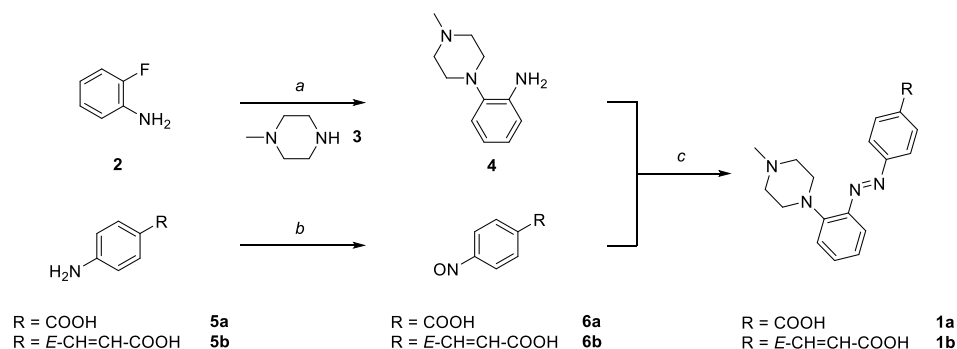


**Figure 1: Potential photochromic H<sub>1</sub>R inhibitors.** The chromo-pharmacophore exhibits two interaction moieties, the tertiary amine (blue) and the carboxylic acid (red), on different sides of the azo switch varying between a short- and a long-distance structure.

### IV.2.2.2 Synthesis

The key reaction to the synthesis towards photochromic inhibitors **1a** and **1b** is a Mills reaction of precursor **4**, which could be synthesized from ortho-fluoro aniline (**2**),<sup>22</sup> and nitroso carboxy acids **6a** or **6b**, respectively, following a known procedure (Scheme 1). Both

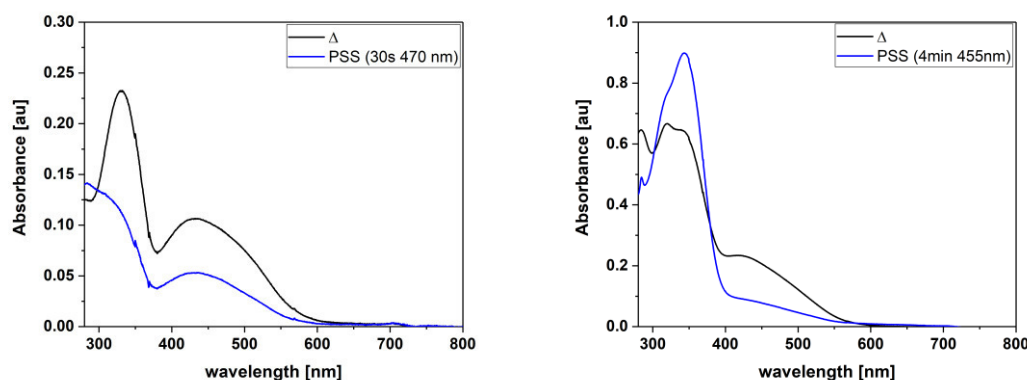
nitroso compounds were obtained through treatment of the corresponding anilines (**5a** and **5b**) with OXONE and subsequent precipitation. The final Mills reaction gave **1a** and **1b** in acceptable yields after isolation through preparative HPLC (10% and 16%, respectively).



**Scheme 1: Synthesis of photochromic H<sub>1</sub>R inhibitors **1a** and **1b** via Mills reaction of **4** and **6a** or **6b**, respectively. *a*: K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.1 eq), DMF, 120 °C, 16h, 90%. *b*: OXONE (2 eq), DCM/water (2:3), r.t., 1 h, directly converted. *c*: HOAc, r.t., 16 h, (**1a**: 10%, **1b**: 16%).**

#### IV.2.2.3 Spectroscopy

Both compounds were investigated regarding their photochromic properties in DMSO (Figure 2) and DMSO-buffer mixtures (spectra see Appendix, Section A.IV.2.3.). The results are summarized in Table 1. Both compounds exhibit two distinct maxima in their *E*-form (black line, Figure 2).<sup>23</sup> Exhibiting a piperazine moiety in ortho-position of the azo group, the spectra are red-shifted compared to classical azobenzenes (as reported previously for this substitution pattern).<sup>19, 23</sup>



**Figure 2: Absorption spectra of compound **1a** (100 μM, left) and **1b** (250 μM, right) in DMSO.**

**Table 1: UV/Vis properties of compounds **1a** and **1b**.**

Compound	solvent mixture	$\lambda_{\text{max}}$ [nm] <sup>a</sup>	$\epsilon_{\lambda_{\text{max}}}$ [M <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> ] <sup>b</sup>	concentration [ $\mu$ M]
<b>1a</b>	DMSO	330 (434)	11329	100
<b>1a</b>	buffer (5% DMSO) <sup>c</sup>	327	11169	250
<b>1b</b>	DMSO	320 (422)	11742	300
<b>1b</b>	buffer (5% DMSO) <sup>c</sup>	347	11665	400

<sup>a</sup>the main absorption maximum is reported, the second maximum or shoulder is indicated in brackets (cuvette width was 0.2 cm). <sup>b</sup>molar attenuation coefficient at the individual absorption maximum of the compound in the used solvent. <sup>c</sup>used buffer: Dulbecco's Phosphate buffered Saline.

Due to the broad absorption properties in the visible range of the spectrum, photoinduced *E*-to-*Z* isomerization was feasible with 455 nm and 470 nm, respectively. However, using 365 nm for *E*-to-*Z* isomerization resulted in higher PSS for both compounds (*cf.* Appendix). Exact PSS values could not be assigned due to short thermal lifetime of both compounds. In agreement with previous reports, the compounds relax in the minute-range (76 min for **1a** and 44 min for **1b** in DMSO at 25 °C, respectively, see Appendix).<sup>19, 23</sup>

#### IV.2.3 Conclusion and Outlook

In conclusion, we designed two azoswitches inspired by the anti-histamine drug fexofenadine. The compounds combine the two major binding features, *i.e.* the carboxy moiety and the piperidine moiety, as a chromo-pharmacophore. Moreover, we positioned the tertiary nitrogen in ortho-position to the azo function to result in a red-shifted azobenzene derivative. We could synthesize both compounds and characterize them regarding their photochromic properties using UV-Vis spectroscopy. Indeed, both compounds show red-shifted absorption profiles and *E*-to-*Z* isomerization can be induced using visible light (455 nm or 470 nm, respectively). The *Z*-isomer is relaxing back thermally ( $\tau$  = 76 min for **1a** and 44 min for **1b** in DMSO at 25 °C, respectively). The compound is soluble in DMSO and DMSO-buffer-mixtures. Testing of the compounds regarding their activity towards H<sub>1</sub>R using a guinea pig ileum assay is content of ongoing research.

## IV.2.4 Experimental Section

### *(E)*-3-(4-Nitrosophenyl)acrylic acid (**5b**)

4-Amino cinnamic acid (2.00 g, 12.26 mmol) was dissolved in DCM (20 mL) and treated with a solution of OXONE (3.73 g, 24.51 mmol) in water (30 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for an hour and the formed precipitate sucked off over a Büchner funnel and dried *in vacuo*. The product was directly converted to **1b**.

### *(E)*-4-((2-(4-Methylpiperazin-1-yl)phenyl)diazenyl)benzoic acid (**1a**)

4-Nitroso benzoic acid (613 mg, 5.22 mmol) and 2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)aniline (998 mg, 5.22 mmol) were dissolved in HOAc (6 mL) and stirred at ambient temperature for 16 h. The reaction mixture was poured onto crushed ice and extracted with EA (2x20 mL). The organic phases were combined, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified through preparative HPLC. Compound **1a** was obtained as red solid (184 mg, 0.54 mmol, 10 % yield). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ = 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (ddd, *J* = 8.7, 7.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 7.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.93 – 3.34 (m, 8H), 3.01 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ = 169.0 (q), 156.9 (q), 150.6 (q), 146.2 (q), 134.4 (+), 134.0 (q), 132.0 (+), 124.5 (+), 123.8 (+), 120.8 (+), 118.0 (+), 55.1 (-), 51.2 (-), 43.7 (+). IR [cm<sup>-1</sup>]  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3004 (w), 2919 (w), 2840 (w), 2609 (w), 2482 (w), 1674 (s), 1595 (m), 1405 (m), 1267 (m), 1197 (s), 1125 (s), 1010 (s), 719 (s), 779 (s). ESI-MS: calculated: 324.1586 found: 325.1 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%) HR-MS: 325.1659. HPLC: 10.98 min and 11.20 min (both isomers), purity >97%.

### *(E)*-3-(4-((*E*)-(2-(4-Methylpiperazin-1-yl)phenyl)diazenyl)phenyl)acrylic acid (**1b**)

Compound **1b** was synthesized analogous to compound **1a** employing **5b** (1.00 g, 5.64 mmol) and 2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)aniline (1.08 g, 5.64 mmol) in HOAc (6 mL). The compound was obtained as a red solid (316 mg, 0.90 mmol, 16 % yield). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ = 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (ddd, *J* = 8.7, 7.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 7.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.87–3.86 (m, 2H), 3.57–3.68 (m, 2H), 3.30–3.50 (m, 2H), 3.01 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ = 170.0 (q), 155.1 (q), 150.4 (q), 146.3 (q), 144.9 (+), 138.6 (+), 134.0 (+), 130.4 (+), 124.5 (two signals, +), 121.2 (+), 120.7 (+), 118.0 (+), 55.1 (-), 51.2 (-), 43.7 (+). IR [cm<sup>-1</sup>]  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3403 (w), 3004 (w), 2918 (w), 1677 (s), 1598 (s), 1483 (w), 1413 (w), 1286 (w), 1177 (s), 1129 (s), 1021

(s), 1021 (s), 954 (m), 834 (m), 719 (m). ESI-MS: calculated: 350.1743 found: 351.18 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%). HR-MS: 351.1815. R<sub>t</sub>: 11.69 min, purity >99% (DAD 220 nm).

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## V. SUMMARY

This Thesis focusses on the design, synthesis, and properties of small photochromic molecules and their application as tool compounds in a biological context. Specifically, **Chapter I** deals with an investigation of a new class of heteroaryl azoswitches, namely phenylazoindoles. Reviewing recent advances in the seek towards novel azo photoswitches, it became clear that heteroaryl scaffolds offer electronic properties not observed for classical azobenzenes. Indeed, we found that 3-phenylazoindoles exhibit fast photochemical *E*-to-*Z* isomerization and extremely tunable thermal *Z*-to-*E* isomerization. Depending on both the substitution of the indole nitrogen and the character of the solvent, *Z*-to-*E* relaxation can be finetuned in a range from nanoseconds to days through accessing either a rotation or intermolecular, hydrazone-mediated pathway. These results were confirmed though laser flash photolysis and quantum-chemical methods. Presence of substituents on the phenyl moiety does not largely influence the behavior found in parent phenylazoindole. However, as with *N*-arylation of the indole, the main absorption band is bathochromically shifted. Analysis of the photostationary state was not feasible through classical means like HPLC or NMR due to the fast isomerization kinetics of the *Z*-isomer. Hence, we developed a strategy based on TD-DFT simulations of the *E*- and *Z*-isomers.

In **Chapter II**, photocontrol of redox-coenzyme mimetics is reported. Through structural merge of a redox-active benzoquinone or pyridine moiety with a diarylethene motif, we were able to couple the 3,3'-electrocyclic ring-closure reaction of the photoswitch to a conjugated system crucial for the redox-active part of the molecule. After successful synthesis, both isolated photoisomers of a ditiénylbenzoquinone were independently investigated regarding their properties. Initial analysis *via* cyclic voltammetry and spectro-electrochemical measurements exposed classical redox behavior of the open isomer and unusual properties of the closed one. Oxidation of Hantzsch ester – chosen as a model – proved that this reaction can be facilitated only with the open isomer. Also, *in situ* irradiation of the closed, redox-locked isomer with orange light regenerated the open form of the switch and initiated the redox reaction. The same behavior was successfully transferred onto the respiratory chain in isolated mitochondria. However, the switch could be only used in one way, specifically to unlock the redox-reaction and attempts to improve the photochromic properties to generate a bidirectional switch were unsuccessful so far. Likewise, expanding the concept to other



redox-active scaffolds like pyridines, the redox motif in  $\text{NAD}^+$ , was challenging, as the obtained compounds proved to be both thermally and photochemically unstable. Hence, the structures have yet to be improved in this regard.

**Chapter III** deals with the development of tool compounds for multienzyme complexes. Aim of the project was to investigate allosteric communications in two multienzyme complexes, namely imidazole glycerol phosphate synthase and tryptophan synthase. Thereby, we focused on the design and investigation of photoswitchable ligands. In contrast to many previous reports, we did not intend to provide a photo-regulable competitive inhibitor, but to facilitate an allosteric reaction addressable with light. We synthesized dithienylcyclopentenebisphosphates exhibiting the phosphate functions in varying distances to find a suitable ligand for the HisF subunit of imidazole glycerol phosphate synthase. Here, the meta-bisphosphate derivative of the series showed the best binding properties. Investigating the overall imidazole-glycerol-phosphate-synthase-catalyzed reaction, we found that the allosteric reaction could be photocontrolled indirectly through blockage of the HisF binding site depending of the present photoisomer. However, a direct allosteric response upon ligand binding was not observed. Hence, we synthesized the corresponding dithienylmaleimidebisphosphate derivative as well as substituted phenyl azopyrazoles, which were identified as adequate candidates through molecular-dynamic simulations. The biological evaluation of the novel compounds is still ongoing. Similarly, we designed a series of six azobenzene-based ligands bearing a phosphate function in different distances with respect to the photoswitch. In this way, the binding mode of indole-3-glycerol phosphate should be mimicked, and tryptophan synthase subjected to photocontrol. UV-Vis spectroscopic studies revealed good photochromic properties of the molecule in aqueous environment. A detailed investigation on the tryptophan synthase multienzyme complex is still a subject of current research.

In **Chapter IV**, we developed photochromic enzyme ligands which undergo structural changes upon irradiation with visible light. Thus, we focused on the use of indolylfulgimides and red-shifted azobenzenes as photochromic scaffolds. In particular, the structural similarity of the succinimide motif in indolylfulgimides with maleimide-based,  $\text{NAD}^+$ -competitive inhibitors motivated us to produce photochromic analogues. They were reversibly switchable under enzymatic-assay conditions using purple and orange light. Two compounds showed  $\text{IC}_{50}$  values in the micromolar range towards the Sirt2 isoform of sirtuins, a DNA-regulating,  $\text{NAD}^+$ -consuming enzyme class. One compound exhibited a 1.5-fold difference in the  $\text{IC}_{50}$  of both photoisomers. As mentioned before, red-shifted azobenzenes were also used as photochromic core structures to design potential Histamin

H1 antagonists. The azo function was positioned in between two important interaction groups to alter their relative geometry upon photoswitching. Moreover, a piperazine moiety was installed in *ortho*-position to the azo function to induce a red-shift of the chromophore's absorption profile through electron donation. Two compounds have been successfully synthesized and switched with blue light (455 nm or 470 nm, respectively) to the Z-form and thermally back to the *E*-isomer.

Covering the development of biological relevant photoswitches and investigating mechanistic relationships, the findings in this Thesis may pave the way to further development of photochromic molecular tools towards clinical research and drug development.

## VI. ZUSAMMENFASSUNG

Gegenstand dieser Dissertation ist das Design, die Synthese und die Erforschung photochromer Moleküle und deren Anwendung als pharmakologische Wirkstoffe. In **Kapitel I** wird eine neue Klasse von Heteroarylazophotoschaltern untersucht, die 3-Phenylazoindole. Neuere Erkenntnisse zeigen, dass das Vorhandensein von Heteroarylstrukturen in Azophotoschaltern neuartige elektronische Eigenschaften bewirkt und so ein für Azobenzol sonst nicht zugängliches photochemisches Verhalten eröffnen. Daher untersuchten wir die Merkmale von 3-Phenylazoindolen als Vertreter dieser Gruppe. 3-Phenylazoindole weisen eine sehr schnelle photochemische *E*-zu-*Z*-Isomerisierung auf, wohingegen die Geschwindigkeit der thermischen Rückisomerisierung von verschiedenen Faktoren, z.B. der Methylierung des Indolstickstoffs, dem Vorhandensein eines freien NHs und den Eigenschaften des Lösungsmittels abhängt und daher zwischen Nanosekunden und Tagen variiert werden kann. Grund dieses ungewöhnlichen Verhaltens ist der Zugang zu verschiedenen Relaxationswegen, dem Rotationsweg und einer *Z*-zu-*E*-Isomerisierung über die Bildung eines intermolekularen Hydrazones. Diese Erkenntnisse wurden durch Laser-Flash-Photolyse sowie durch quantenchemische Rechnungen unterstützt. Weitere Untersuchungen zum Einfluss verschiedener Substituenten am Phenylring der 3-Phenylazoindole ergaben, dass diese ebenso wie eine Arylierung des Indolstickstoffes zu einer bathochromen Verschiebung der Absorptionsbande führten. Da sowohl die substituierten als auch die unsubstituierten Verbindungen extrem schnelle thermische Isomerisierungsraten aufweisen, kann der photostationäre Zustand nicht durch klassische Methoden wie NMR oder HPLC erfasst werden und wurde daher durch quantenchemische Berechnungen approximiert.

**Kapitel II** beschäftigt sich mit der Photokontrolle von Redoxcoenzymmimetika. Durch eine strukturelle Verschmelzung eines redoxaktiven Benzochinons oder eines Pyridins mit einem Diarylethen konnten wir die 3,3'-elektrozyklische Ringschlussreaktion des Photoschalters an die Elektronenverfügbarkeit der redoxaktiven Teilstrukturen koppeln. Die Charakterisierung der beiden isolierten Photoisomere eines Dithienylbenzochinons zeigte, dass das offene Isomer das klassische Verhalten eines Benzochinones aufweist, wohingegen sich das geschlossene Isomer sowohl in Cyclovoltammetrie als auch in Spektroelektrochemie untypisch verhält. Darüber hinaus untersuchten wir die Reaktion beider Photoisomere mit Hantzschester und konnten lediglich eine Oxidationsreaktion durch das offene Isomer

beobachten. Das geschlossene Isomer ist unreaktiv, solange es nicht mit orangem Licht bestrahlt und dadurch *in situ* in seine offene Isoform überführt wurde. Derselbe Effekt konnte in isolierten Mitochondrien beobachtet werden. Doch die Photoreaktion war nur bedingt umkehrbar. Daher versuchten wir durch ein neues Design die Photoeigenschaften des Schalters zu verbessern, allerdings erfolglos. Ähnlich schwierig gestaltete sich eine Erweiterung des Konzeptes auf die Verwendung von Pyridin, dem Redoxzentrum in  $\text{NAD}^+$ , als redoxaktive Struktureinheit, da sich das geschlossene Isomer als thermisch labil erwies und die Photostabilität bislang unzureichend ist.

**Kapitel III** befasst sich mit der Entwicklung pharmakologischer Werkzeuge für die Multienzymkomplexe Imidazolglyzerolphosphat-Synthase und Tryptophan-Synthase. Dabei stand die Erforschung der allosterischen Wechselwirkung innerhalb der Multienzymkomplexe mittels photoregulierbarer Liganden im Mittelpunkt. Die Besonderheit der Arbeit besteht darin, dass nicht, wie sonst üblich photochrome, kompetitive Inhibitoren für einzelne Enzyme entwickelt werden, sondern, dass nun eine allosterischen Reaktion in einem Enzymverbund mit Licht bewirkt werden soll. Daher wurden Dithienylcyclopentenbisphosphate synthetisiert, welche Bisphosphateeinheiten in verschiedenen Abständen aufweisen, um einen geeigneten photochromen Liganden für die HisF-Untereinheit in Imidazolglyzerolphosphat-Synthase zu finden. Hierbei war das Meta-Bisphosphoderivat der aktivste Ligand. Zudem konnte die allosterisch regulierte Imidazolglyzerolphosphat-Synthase-Gesamtreaktion photoreguliert werden, nicht aber durch direkte allosterische Regulation des Multienzymkomplexes, sondern durch die unterschiedlich starke Inhibition des photochromen Liganden. Daher wurde als Nächstes das entsprechende Bisphosphodithienylmaleimidederivat sowie Phenylazopyrazole synthetisiert, die zuvor mittels Molekulardynamik-Simulationen als geeignet identifiziert wurden und zusätzliche biologisch relevante Interaktionsgruppen besitzen. Die biochemische Untersuchung dieser Liganden dauert noch an. Parallel dazu wurden azobenzolbasierte Liganden für den Tryptophansynthasekomplex dargestellt. Die kleine Bibliothek aus sechs Liganden, die eine Phosphatgruppe als Bindungseinheit in variierenden Abständen zum Azobenzolteil besitzen, verfügen alle über ausgezeichnete photochrome Eigenschaften in DMSO und Puffersystemen. Die biochemische Evaluierung dieser Substanzen ist noch nicht abgeschlossen.

In **Kapitel IV** wird die Regulation von Enzymaktivität durch lichtinduzierte sterische Änderungen berichtet. Dabei wurden Indolylfulgimide und rot-verschobene Azobenzolderivate verwendet, zwei photochrome Gruppen, die mit sichtbarem Licht

angeregt werden können. Da die Succimiduntereinheit des Fulgimides eine strukturelle Ähnlichkeit zu maleimidebasierten  $\text{NAD}^+$ -kompetitiver Inhibitoren aufweist, wurde diese Struktur ausgewählt, um einen fulgimidbasierten Inhibitor zu synthetisieren. Drei Verbindungen wurden isoliert und können reversibel mit violetter beziehungsweise orangem Licht unter Enzymassaybedingungen geschaltet werden. Zudem weisen die Moleküle an Sirt2  $\text{IC}_{50}$ -Werte im mikromolaren Bereich auf. Die beste Verbindung zeigte dabei einen 1,5-fachen Unterschied zwischen den  $\text{IC}_{50}$ -Werten beider Photoisomere. Die rot-verschobenen Azobenzole bilden das photochrome Kernstück potentieller Histamin H1-Antagonisten. Dazu wurde die Azogruppe im Liganden so designt, dass die Photoisomerisierung die Geometrie zweier biologisch relevanter funktioneller Gruppen stark beeinflusst. Eine der beiden Funktionalitäten, eine Piperazineinheit, ist dabei in ortho-Position zur Azobrücke positioniert, um durch die erhöhte Elektronendichte ein rot-verschobenes Azobenzolderivat zu erzeugen. Tatsächlich ist es möglich, beide Verbindungen mit blauem Licht vom *E*- in das *Z*-Isomer zu überführen und das *E*-Isomer anschließend thermisch zu regenerieren. Eine biologische Untersuchung ist noch ausstehend.

Die gewonnenen Erkenntnisse in der Entwicklung neuer biologisch relevanter Photoschalter sowie die Erforschung ihrer (photo)chemischen Mechanismen tragen dazu bei, zukünftig photoschaltbare pharmakologische Werkzeuge auch für klinisch relevante Anwendungen zu erhalten.

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## A.I.1. General Preliminary Remarks

### a) General working methods

All reactions were performed under magnetic stirring at room temperature unless otherwise specified. All reagents and solvents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification, if not otherwise stated.

For TLC, silica coated aluminum plates (Merck 60F<sup>254</sup> silica gel, 0.2 mm) were utilized. Visualization was carried out with a UV lamp at 254 or 366 nm or through suitable staining.

### b) Isolation of compounds

For MPLC, a Biotage Isolera One Flash Purification System with manually packed columns using Merck Geduran SI 60 (70-230 grain diameter) or Macherey- Nagel GmbH & Co. KG 60M (0.04-0.063 mm, 230-400 grain diameter) was utilized. For preparative HPLC, a 1260 Infinity LC System from Agilent with a reverse phase Phenomenex Luna® 10 $\mu$  C18(2) column (250  $\times$  21.2 mm, 100 Å) was utilized. HPLC conditions were the following: solvent A = water (Millipore), solvent B = MeCN (Fisher scientific, gradient grade); flow rate = 22 mL/min.

### c) Analysis

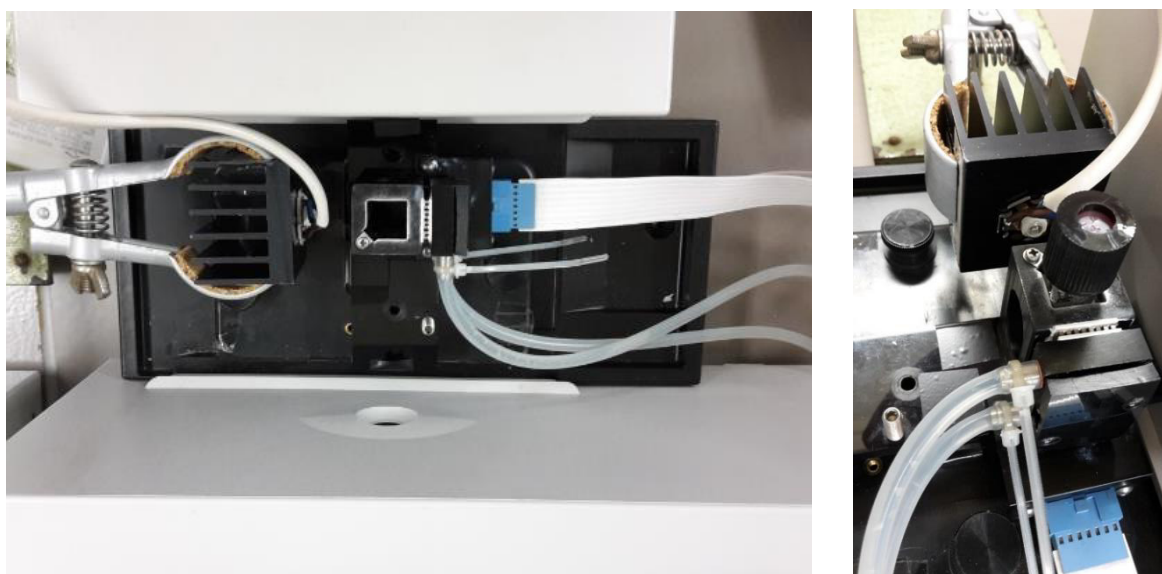
Nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy (NMR) was carried out using a Bruker Avance 400 MHz spectrometer (<sup>1</sup>H: 400 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C: 101 MHz, T = 300K). Chemical shifts are reported in  $\delta$  [ppm] relative to an internal standard (solvent residual peak). The solvents used are indicated for each spectrum. Coupling constants are reported in Hertz [Hz]. Characterization of the signals: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, bs = broad singlet, dd = doublet of doublet, dt = doublet of triplet. Integration is directly proportional to the number of the protons. Characterization of the <sup>13</sup>C-NMR signals: (+) for CH<sub>3</sub> or CH, (-) for CH<sub>2</sub> and (q) for quaternary C-atoms. The latter assignment resulted from DEPT135.

CV measurements and spectroelectrochemical studies were carried out under argon atmosphere. All measurements were performed in MeCN containing 0.1 M tetra <sup>n</sup>butylammonium tetra fluoroborate using ferrocene/ferrocenium (Fc/Fc<sup>+</sup>) as an internal reference. A glassy carbon electrode (working electrode), platinum wire counter electrode, and Ag quasi-reference electrode were employed for CV measurements. The scan rate was 50 mV/s, a step potential of 5.0 mV was applied. Spectroelectrochemical studies were carried out in an optically transparent thin layer electrochemical cell (OTTLE). The scan rate was 2 mV/s, a step potential of 0.02 V was applied.

#### d) Spectroscopy

**UV/Vis Spectra.** For UV/Vis measurements, an Agilent 8453 spectrometer was employed. The signal was processed with an in-house developed software. For temperature control, a Varian Cary Single cell peltier apparatus was used.

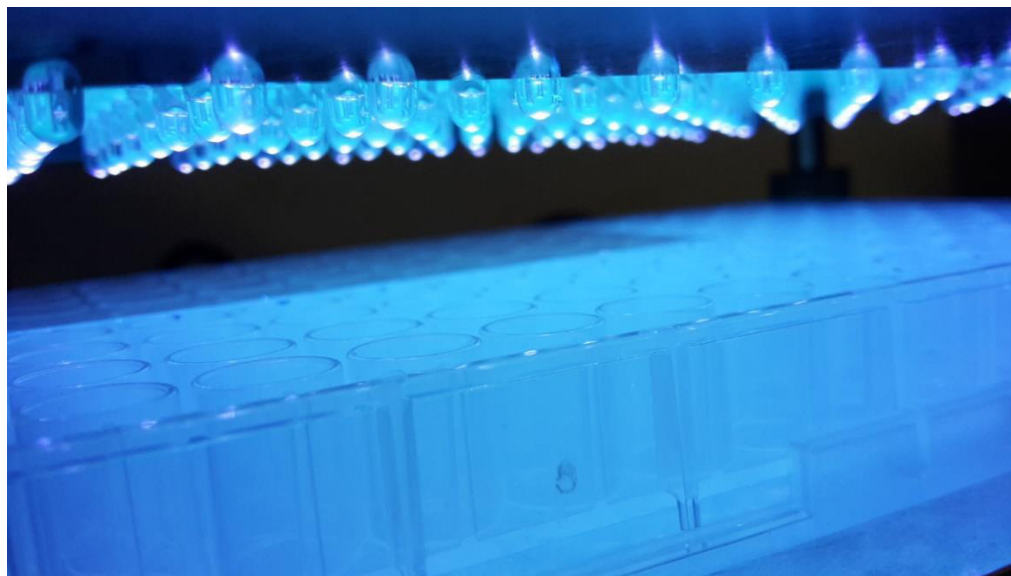
**Kinetic Measurements. Method 1** (for isomerization between 1s and few minutes). The aforementioned Agilent 8453 UV/Vis apparatus is used. Irradiation was carried out in a 90-degree angle with respect to UV/Vis recording (see following pictures), so that irradiation could be performed online during the measurement. For irradiation a 365 nm Nichia NCSU033B (700 mA) or a 400 nm Edison Edixeon EDEV-SL-C1-03 (700 mA) was used.



For the experiment, a fluorescence cuvette was equipped with a solution of the appropriate arylazoindole (50  $\mu$ M, 3 mL) and a stirring bar. The cuvette was placed in the cuvette holder and stirred there for ca. ten minutes to adjust to the set temperature (standard was 23  $^{\circ}$ C). Then, the UV/Vis spectrum of the sample was recorded for a total time of 60 minutes (one scan per second from 150 nm – 1100 nm). After one minute, the sample was irradiated with UV light (365 nm LED or 400 nm LED, respectively) for one minute. Afterwards, the thermal back-isomerization was recorded for further 58 minutes if not otherwise stated. For clarity, only excerpts of the experiments are shown.

**Method 2** (longer isomerization periods). Thermal cis-to-trans-isomerization was recorded using a Thermo Scientific Multiskan Spectrum (18  $^{\circ}$ C, see the following picture). Irradiation prior to measuring was performed using a home-built 96-well plate irradiation setup. a solution of the appropriate arylazoindoles (50  $\mu$ M, 250  $\mu$ L) was pipetted in a 96-well microtiter plate (Greiner<sup>®</sup>). The wells were covered with a foil to avoid evaporation of the solvent. Then, the plate was

irradiated with a 96-365 nm-LED irradiation setup for 10 min to assure that the PSS was reached. The thermal cis-to-trans isomerization was recorded.



Method 3 (Laser-Flash-Photolysis, for isomerization between ns and seconds). The laser pulse photolysis apparatus consisted of a Flashlamp pumped Q-switched SpitLight-100 Nd:YAG laser from InnoLas, used at the third harmonic of its fundamental wavelength. It delivered a maximum power of 10 mJ at 355 nm with 6 ns pulse duration. The LP920-K monitor system (supplied by Edinburgh Instruments), arranged in a cross-beam configuration, consisted of a high-intensity 450 W ozone free Xe arc lamp (operating both in pulsed and in continuous wave), a Czerny-Turner with Triple Grating Turret monochromator, and a five-stage dynode photomultiplier.

The signals were captured by means of a Tektronix TDS 3012C digital phosphor oscilloscope, and the data was processed with the L900 software supplied by Edinburgh Instruments. The solutions to be analyzed were placed in a fluorescence cuvette ( $d = 10$  mm) without any further treatment (all the signals are thus registered in the presence of the atmospheric oxygen). All the decays reported are an average of either 10 (for the single wavelength acquisition) or 3 (for the transient maps) signals.

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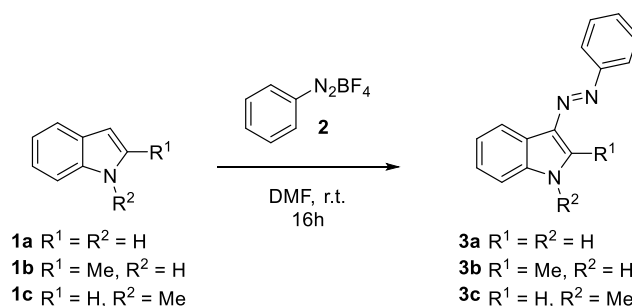
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## 1 Synthesis of compounds 3a-c



**Scheme A1** Synthesis of phenyl-azoindoles **3a-c** from the appropriate indoles **1a-c**.

### Diazonium-salt formation:

Aniline (3000 mg, 23.22 mmol) was dissolved in  $\text{HBF}_4$  (15 mL, 32% aq) and cooled to  $-15\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  ( $\text{NaCl}$ /crushed ice). Then,  $\text{NaNO}_2$  (2222 mg, 23.22 mmol) in water (3 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 minutes, then the white precipitate was sucked off and washed with ice-cold  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (10 mL) and  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}/\text{MeOH}$  (1:1, 5 mL). After washing, vacuum was applied for 15 more minutes, in order to dry the diazonium salt (**2**) crystalline powder, before it was employed directly in the azo-coupling or stored in the freezer ( $-18\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , up to 10 days).

### Azo-coupling:

The appropriate indole (1000 mg, 1 eq.) was dissolved in DMF (5 mL). Diazonium salt **2** (1 eq) was added in small portions. The color immediately changed to red. The reaction mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 16h and then poured into water (200 mL). The organic compounds usually formed red droplets which were collected through extraction of the aqueous solution with DCM (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic phase was dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The crude material was purified through MPLC (Ethyl Acetate in Petrol Ether 35  $\rightarrow$  100%). The compounds were identified through NMR and EI-MS analysis. The spectroscopic data are in accordance with the literature.<sup>S1</sup>

In order to exclude that impurities not detected by NMR could affect the signals registered using the laser-flash photolysis, the product was further purified through preparative HPLC ( $\text{MeCN}$  in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ : 40  $\rightarrow$  100%, only the fraction furnishing a signal greater than 60% of the peak of the analyte was collected).

### *3-(Phenyldiazenyl)-1H-indole (3a)*

Indole (1000 mg, 8.54 mmol) and diazonium salt **2** (1641 mg, 8.54 mmol) were employed. The product was obtained as a dark red solid after HPLC (112 mg, 0.51 mmol, 6 %).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{Methanol-}d_4$ )  $\delta$  8.48 – 8.40 (m, 1H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.86 – 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.54 – 7.42 (m, 3H),

7.40 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.31 – 7.14 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ =153.0 (q), 137.2 (q), 136.0 (q), 133.0 (+), 128.7 (+), 128.5 (+), 123.9 (+), 122.4 (+), 122.2 (+), 121.0 (+), 118.6 (q), 111.6 (+). EI-MS: calculated: 221,10 found: 221.1 (M<sup>+</sup>•).

*2-Methyl-3-(phenyldiazenyl)-1H-indole (3b)*

2-Methyl indole (1000 mg, 7.61 mmol) and diazonium salt **2** (1465 mg, 7.61 mmol) were employed. The product was obtained as a dark red solid after HPLC (430 mg, 1.83 mmol, 24 %). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ=8.51 – 8.45 (m, 1H), 7.90 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.53 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 2.83 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ=154.0 (q), 144.8 (q), 135.8 (q), 132.4 (q), 128.9 (+), 128.2 (+), 123.3 (+), 122.4 (+), 122.1 (+), 121.3 (+), 119.4 (q), 111.1 (+), 10.5 (+). EI-MS: calculated: 235,11 found: 235.1 (M<sup>+</sup>•).

*1-Methyl-3-(phenyldiazenyl)-1H-indole (3c)*

1-Methyl indole (1000 mg, 7.61 mmol) and diazonium salt **2** (1465 mg, 7.61 mmol) were employed. The product was obtained as a dark red solid after HPLC (340 mg, 1.45 mmol, 19 %). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ=8.46 – 8.49 (m, 1H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.83 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 7.22 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ=153.9 (q), 137.7 (q), 136.2 (+), 135.1 (q), 128.9 (+), 128.7 (+), 123.8 (+), 122.76 (+), 122.6 (+), 121.5 (+), 119.2 (q), 110.0 (+), 32.7 (+). EI-MS: calculated: 235,11 found: 235.1 (M<sup>+</sup>•).

## 2 Spectroscopic analysis

### 2.2 Absorption properties in different solvents of compounds 3a-c

Compound		Cyclohexane	Dioxane	Benzene	PhMe	Mesitylene	MeCN	MeOH	DMSO
<b>3a</b>	$\lambda_{\max}$ [nm]	350	361	361	362	359	362	365	372
	$\epsilon_{\lambda_{\max}}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> M <sup>-1</sup> ]	12242	13777	12916	15151	15713	14654	14716	16447
<b>3b</b>	$\lambda_{\max}$ [nm]	359	369	370	373	373	371	373	379
	$\epsilon_{\lambda_{\max}}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> M <sup>-1</sup> ]	15518	12590	15821	15998	15751	12957	12537	14658
<b>3c</b>	$\lambda_{\max}$ [nm]	359	369	368	366	367	371	369	380
	$\epsilon_{\lambda_{\max}}$ [cm <sup>-1</sup> M <sup>-1</sup> ]	14450	15545	15849	14134	13604	15936	14338	15964

**Table A1** Overview of the absorption maxima and molar extinction coefficient of **3a-c** in different solvents.

### 2.3 Lifetimes in different solvents of compounds 3a-c

Entry	Solvents <sup>a</sup>	Lifetime $\tau$		
		<b>3a</b>	<b>3b</b>	<b>3c</b> <sup>c</sup>
1	cyclohexane	42.5 ms <sup>b</sup>	116.8 ms <sup>b</sup>	1.1 h
2	dioxane	84.9 ms <sup>b</sup>	1.9 s <sup>c</sup>	17.6 h
3	benzene	78.5 ms <sup>b</sup>	167 ms <sup>b</sup>	6.0 min
4	mesitylene	12.3 ms <sup>b</sup>	3.3 ms <sup>b</sup>	1.13 d
5	toluene	47.5 ms <sup>b</sup>	60.2 ms <sup>b</sup>	17.1 min
6	toluene <sup>d</sup>	45.7 ms		
7	aqueous toluene <sup>e</sup>		1.4 ms <sup>b</sup>	
8	MeOH	6.8 ms <sup>b</sup>	454 $\mu$ s (51%), 78 $\mu$ s (49%) <sup>f</sup>	2.4 h
9	MeOH <sup>e</sup>	4.7 ms <sup>b</sup>		
10	MeOD	37.7 ms <sup>b</sup>		
11	MeOH water 9:1	14.8 ms <sup>b</sup>	41.9 $\mu$ s <sup>b</sup>	
12	MeOH water 1:1	2.9 ms <sup>b</sup>	41.4 $\mu$ s <sup>b</sup>	
13	MeOH - buffered water (pH = 4) <sup>b</sup> 1:1	9.5 $\mu$ s	1.2 $\mu$ s	
14	MeOH water 1:2	2.9 ms	574 $\mu$ s	
15	MeCN (dry)	4.3 s <sup>c</sup>	1.9 ms <sup>b</sup>	1.2 d
16	MeCN water 95:5		256 $\mu$ s (32%), 59 $\mu$ s (68%) <sup>f</sup>	
17	MeCN water 9:1		1.5 ms	
18	DMSO (dry)	6.5 s <sup>c</sup>	1.3 ms <sup>b</sup>	2.6 d
19	DMSO water 9:1	266 $\mu$ s <sup>b</sup>	111.2 $\mu$ s <sup>b</sup>	
20	DMSO water 1:1	187.9 $\mu$ s <sup>b</sup>	32.1 $\mu$ s <sup>b</sup>	
21	DMSO - buffered water (pH = 4) <sup>g</sup> 1:1	2.2 $\mu$ s <sup>b</sup>	743 ns <sup>b</sup>	
22	DMSO - buffered water (pH = 7) <sup>b</sup> 1:1	676 $\mu$ s	224 $\mu$ s	
23	DMSO - buffered water (pH = 9) <sup>i</sup> 1:1	842 $\mu$ s	250 $\mu$ s	
24	DMSO water 1:2	201 $\mu$ s	31 $\mu$ s	
25	DMSO water 1:1 + 25 $\mu$ L DBU	31 ns	46 ns	

**Table A2** Table resumming the *Z*-to-*E* thermal isomerization lifetimes of **3a-c**. <sup>a</sup> The concentration was adjusted to 50  $\mu$ M for all the measurements. <sup>b</sup> Determined via nanosecond laser flash photolysis. <sup>c</sup> Determined via UV/Vis spectroscopy. <sup>d</sup> Concentration of **3a** = 75  $\mu$ M <sup>e</sup> Solvent saturated with water (15  $\mu$ L of water were added to 2 mL of a 50  $\mu$ M solution of **3b** in toluene. The emulsion thus formed was sonicated for 1h.). <sup>f</sup> The decay is biexponential. In parentheses is shown the contribution of the single lifetimes to the whole decay. <sup>g</sup> pH = 4.00  $\pm$  0.02 (20  $^{\circ}$ C) (Citric acid; NaOH; HCl) <sup>h</sup> pH = 6.87-6.89  $\pm$  0.02 (20  $^{\circ}$ C) (Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>; KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>). <sup>i</sup> pH = 8.99-9.01  $\pm$  0.01 (20  $^{\circ}$ C) (H<sub>3</sub>BO<sub>3</sub>; KCl; NaOH)

In the following sections, spectra of all compounds in all investigated solvents at the thermal equilibrium and the PSS are presented; the transient signal maps of the compounds with thermal kinetics studied with Laser Flash Photolysis are depicted. The kinetics of the thermal *Z*-to-*E* isomerization with the fitting of the experimental signal are also given. The traces were fitted using a mono-exponential decay function (except for the specific case where a bi-exponential kinetic was found), using a Levenberg-Marquardt iteration algorithm. In case of multiple transient appearing, the lifetime was evaluated considering the kinetic of the  $\pi$ - $\pi^*$  band formation of the *E*-isomer.

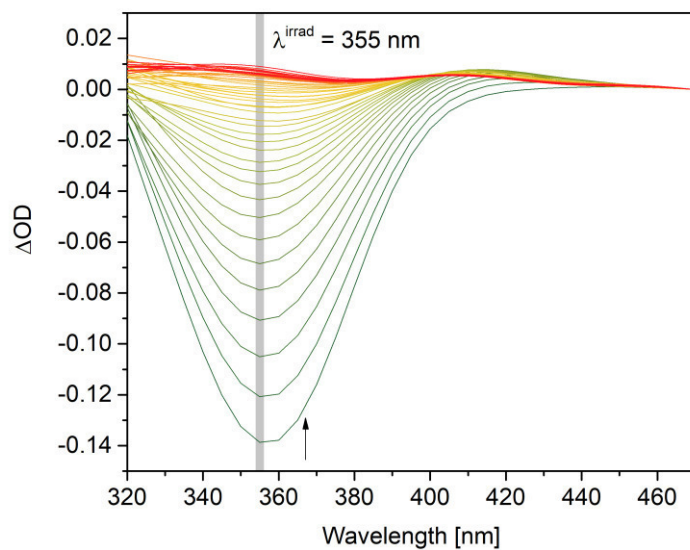
The experiments were conducted on 50  $\mu$ M solutions of the specified compound at room temperature (23 °C). All the variations of temperature, concentration or other settings are specified in the specific cases.

The solvents are reported in the order shown in Table A2 for every compound.

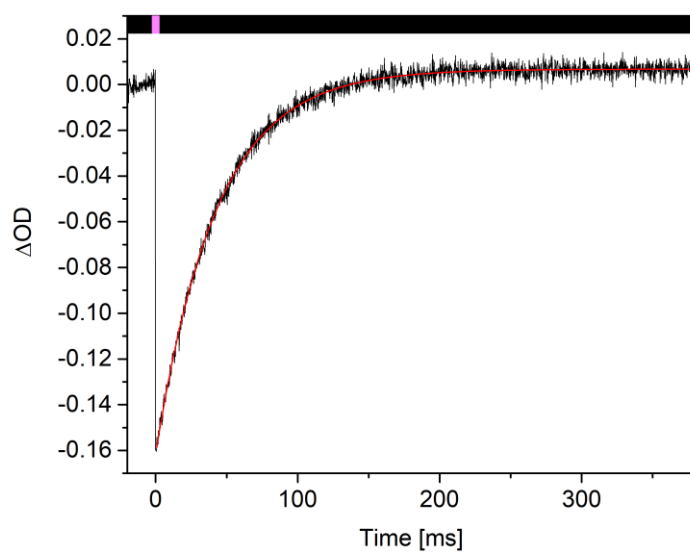
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### 2.3.1 3a

#### Cyclohexane



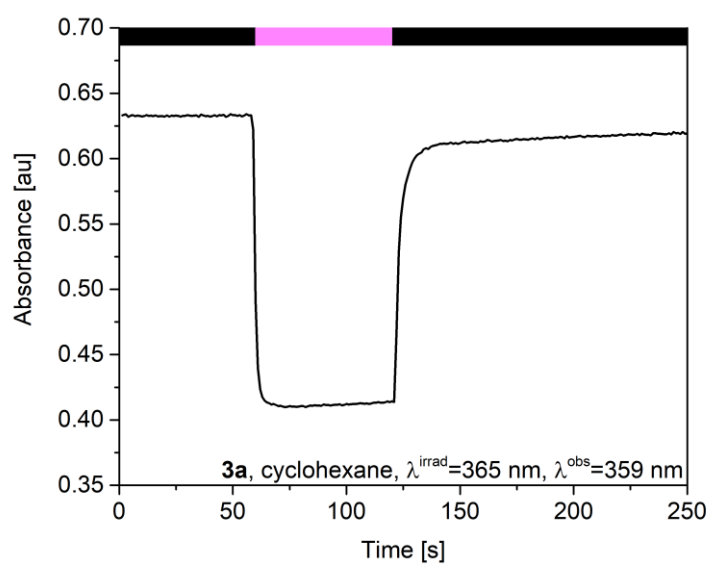
**Figure A1** Transient signal map for **3a** in cyclohexane.



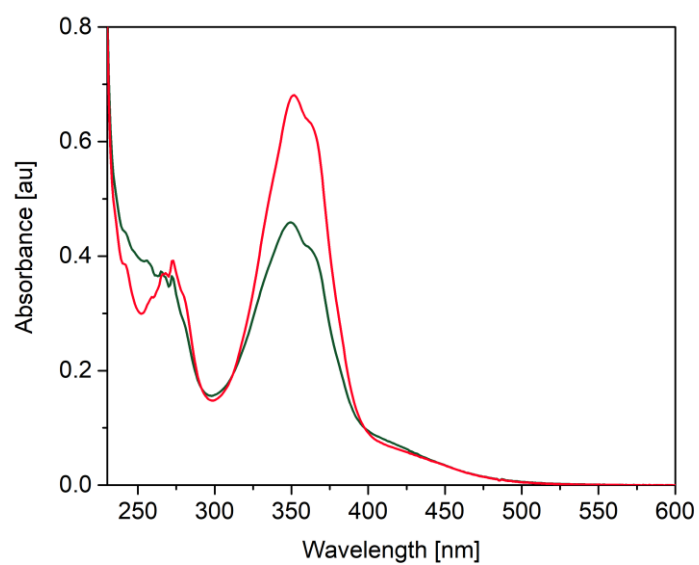
**Figure A2** Transient signal detected at 355 nm for **3a** in cyclohexane.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00672 \pm 8.15787E-5$
A1	$-0.16852 \pm 3.74172E-4$
$\tau$	$42.54594 \pm 0.15571$
R-Square(COD)	0.99421
Adj. R-Square	0.99421

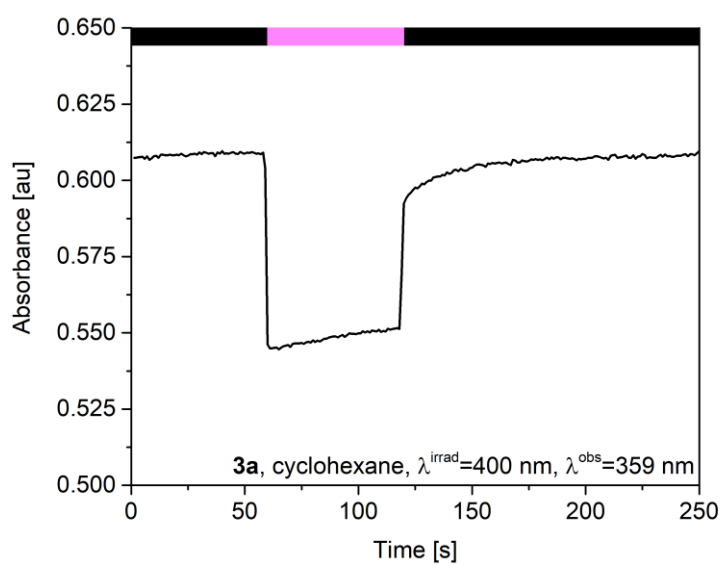
**Table A3** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A2



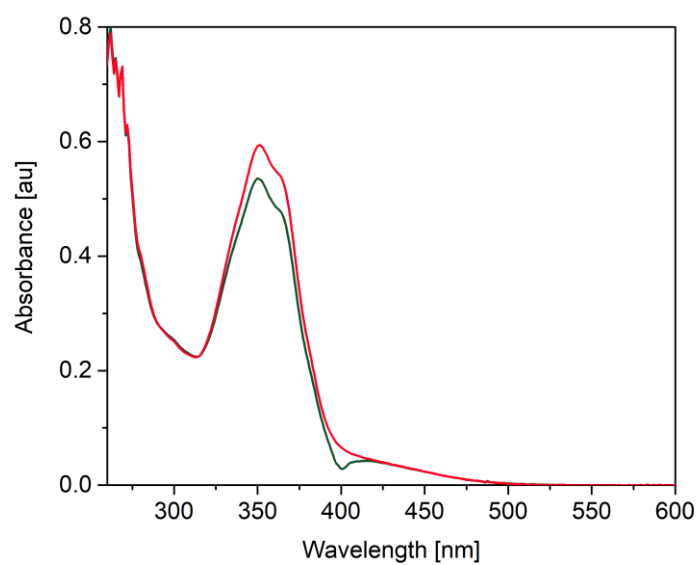
**Figure A3** Absorbance variation of **3a** in cyclohexane, irradiation with a 365 nm LED,  $\lambda_{\text{obs}}=359 \text{ nm}$ .



**Figure A4** UV/vis of **E-3a** in cyclohexane (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 365 nm LED.

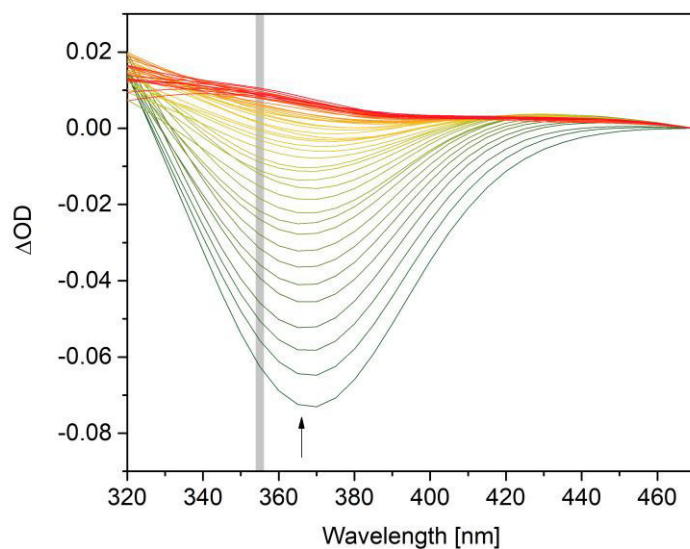


**Figure A5** Absorbance variation of **3a** in cyclohexane, irradiation with a 400 nm LED,  $\lambda_{\text{obs}}=359$  nm.

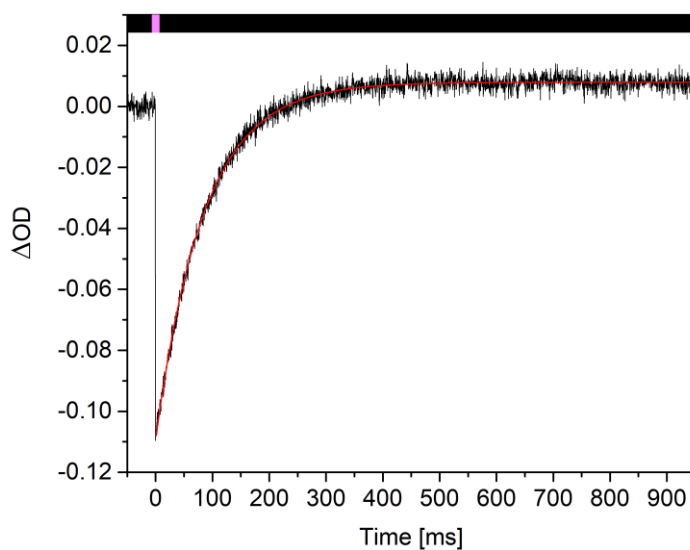


**Figure A6** UV/vis of **E-3a** in cyclohexane (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 400 nm LED.

## Dioxane



**Figure A7** Transient signal map for **3a** in dioxane.

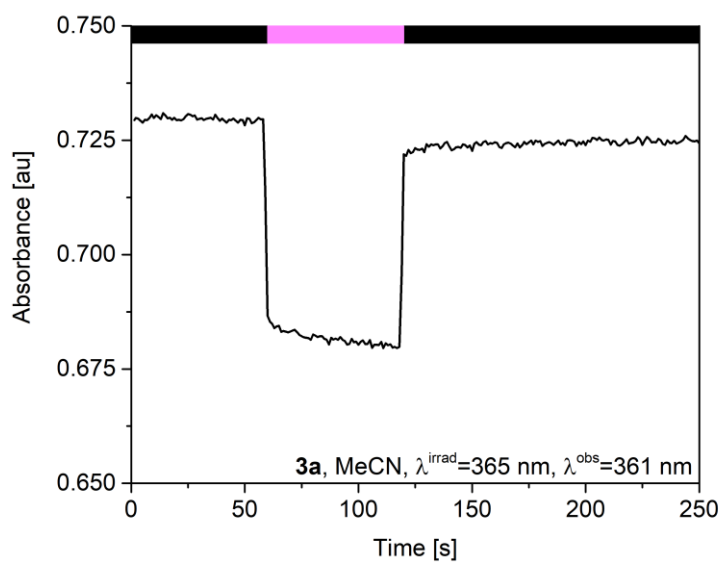


**Figure A8** Transient signal detected at 365 nm for **3a** in dioxane.

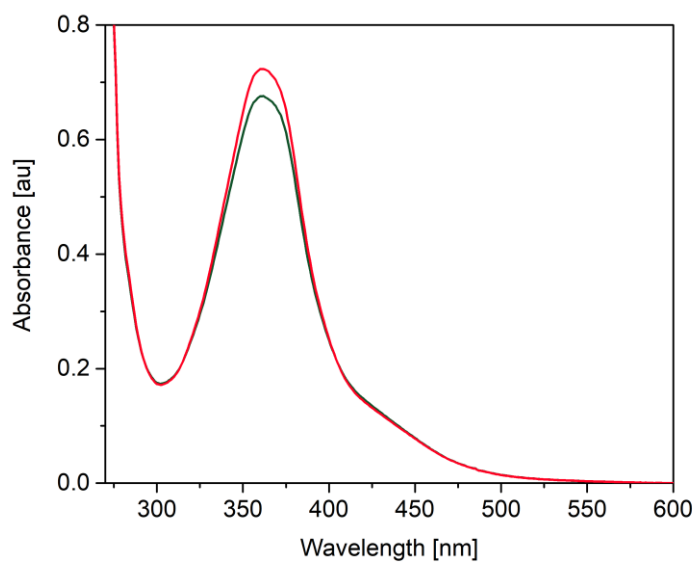
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00793 \pm 6.2276E-5$
A1	$-0.11718 \pm 3.39595E-4$
$\tau$	$84.92804 \pm 0.3901$
R-Square(COD)	0.99057
Adj. R-Square	0.99056

**Table A4** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A8.

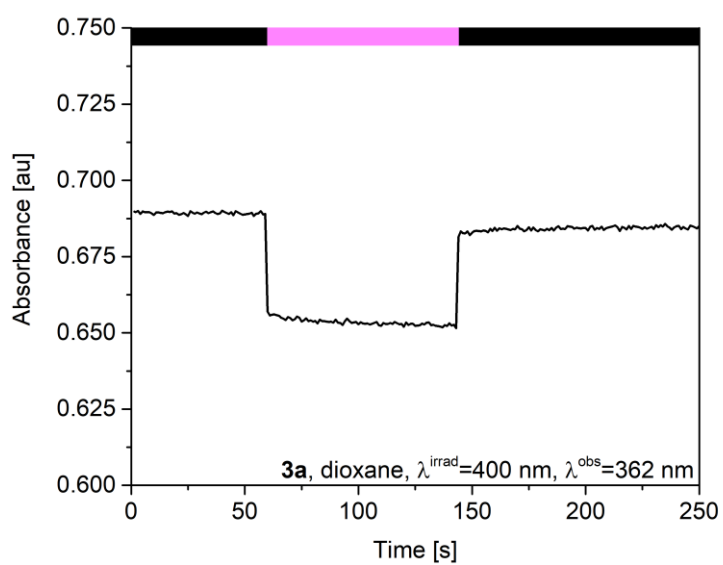




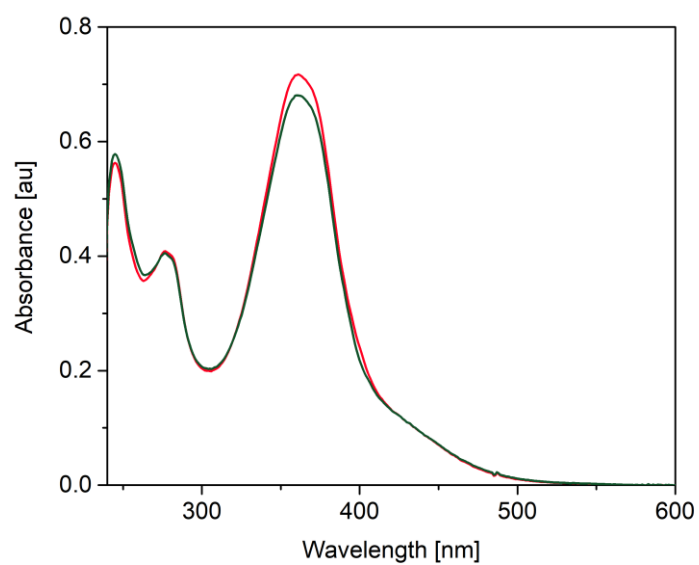
**Figure A9** Absorbance variation of **3a** in dioxane, irradiation with a 365 nm LED,  $\lambda_{\text{obs}}=361$  nm.



**Figure A10** UV/vis of **E-3a** in dioxane (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 365 nm LED.

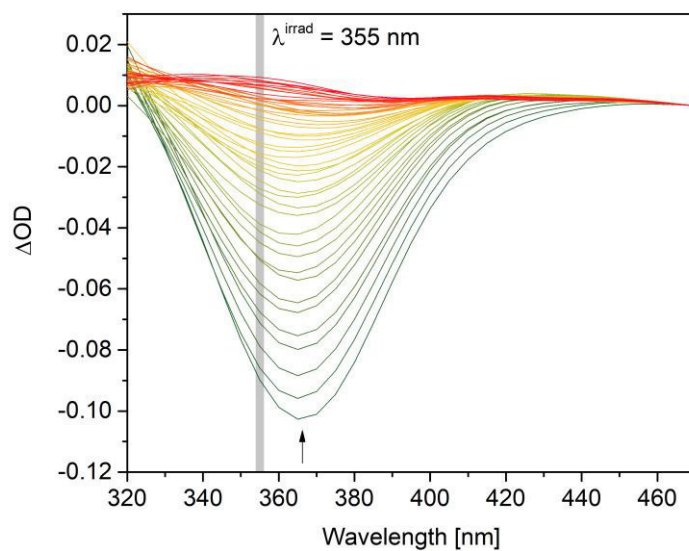


**Figure A11** Absorbance variation of **3a** in dioxane, irradiation with a 400 nm LED,  $\lambda_{\text{obs}}=361$  nm.

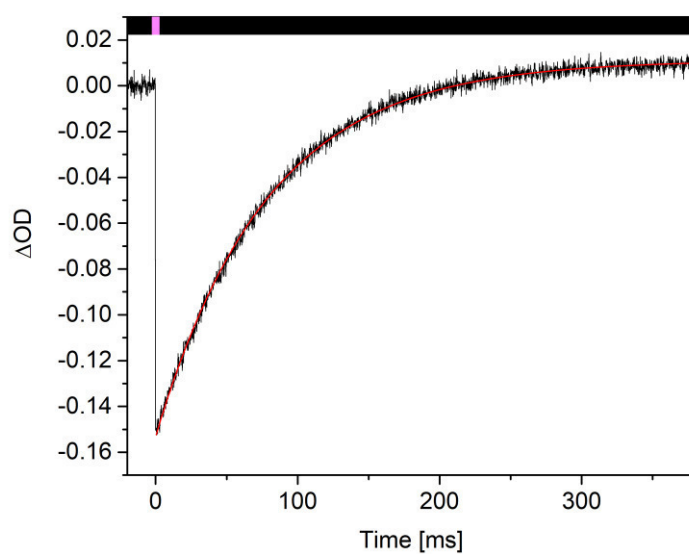


**Figure A12** UV/vis of **E-3a** in dioxane (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 400 nm LED.

## Benzene



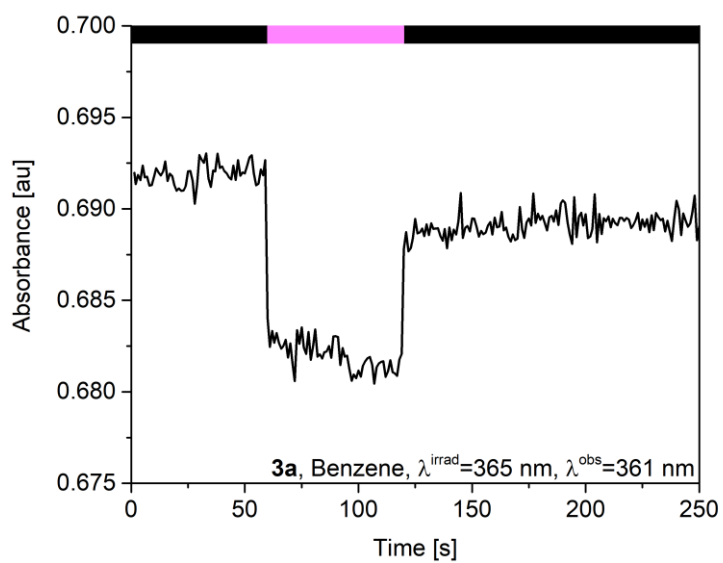
**Figure A13** Transient signal map for **3a** in benzene.



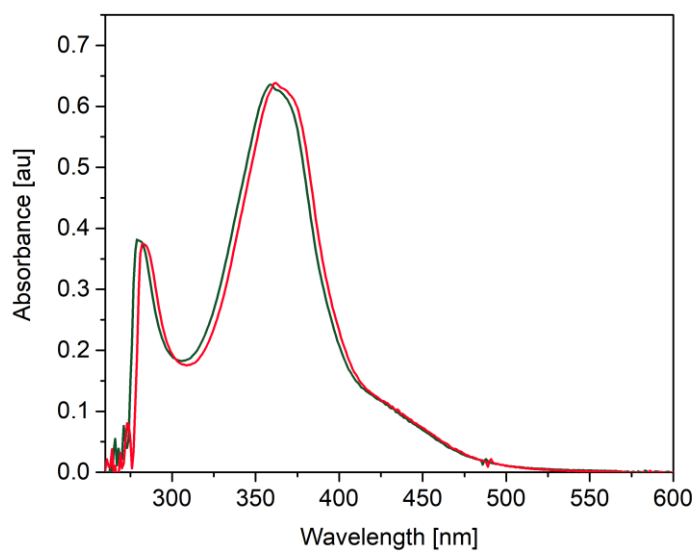
**Figure A14** Transient signal detected at 360 nm for **3a** in benzene.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.01119 \pm 1.03066E-4$
A1	$-0.16437 \pm 2.26246E-4$
$\tau$	$78.50249 \pm 0.23735$
R-Square(COD)	0.99702
Adj. R-Square	0.99702

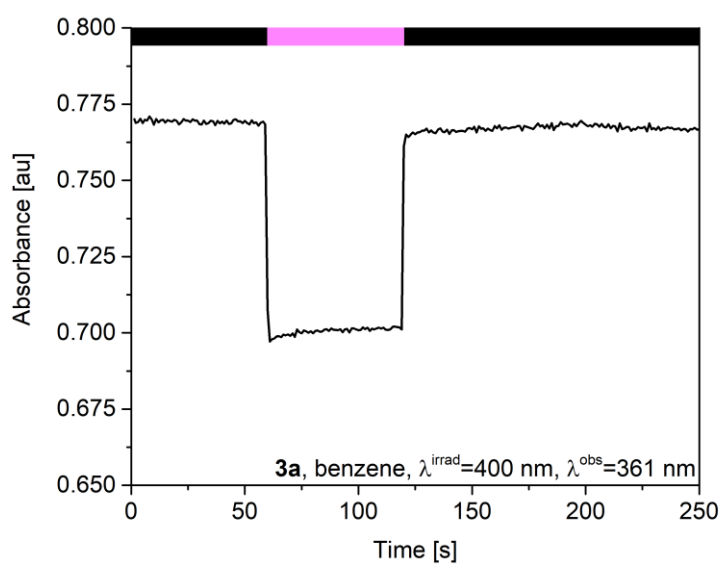
**Table A5** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A14



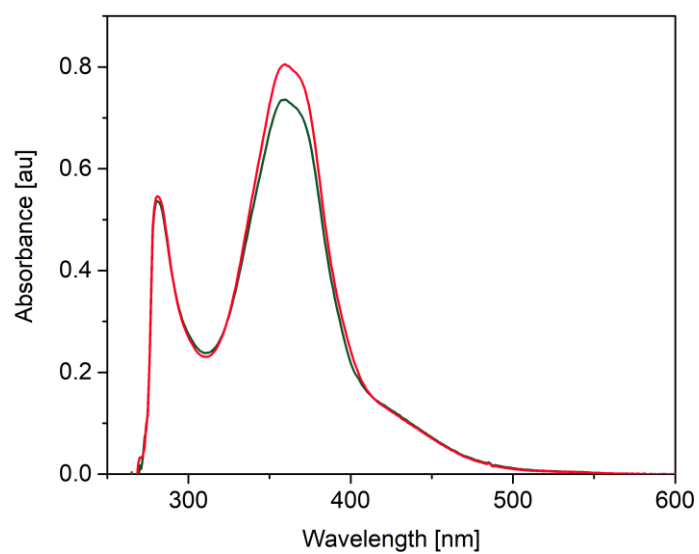
**Figure A15** Absorbance variation of **3a** in benzene, irradiation with a 365 nm LED,  $\lambda_{\text{obs}}=361 \text{ nm}$ .



**Figure A16** UV/vis of **E-3a** in benzene (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 365 nm LED.

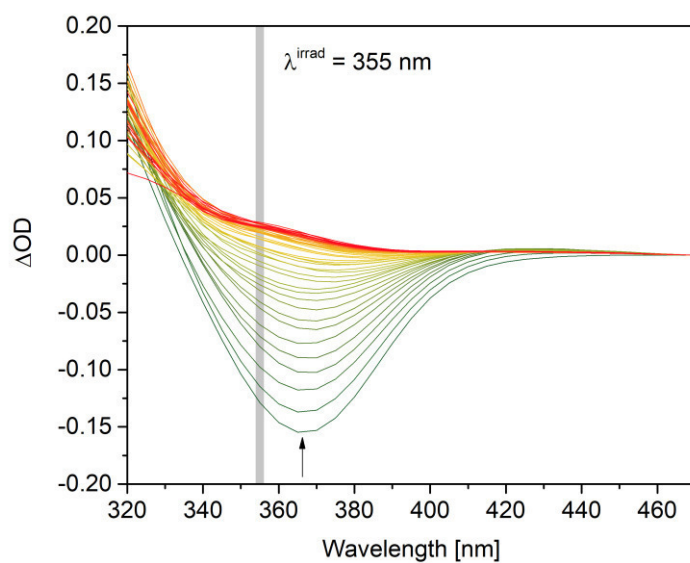


**Figure A17** Absorbance variation of **3a** in benzene, irradiation with a 400 nm LED,  $\lambda_{\text{obs}}=361$  nm.

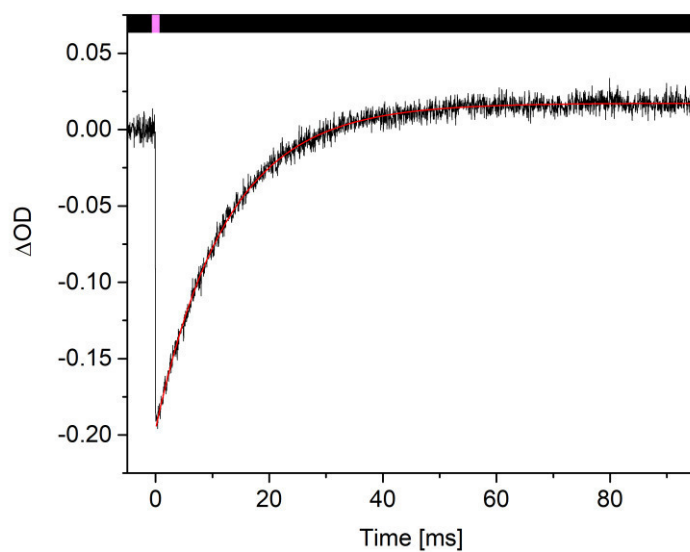


**Figure A18** UV/vis of **E-3a** in benzene (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 400 nm LED.

## Mesitylene



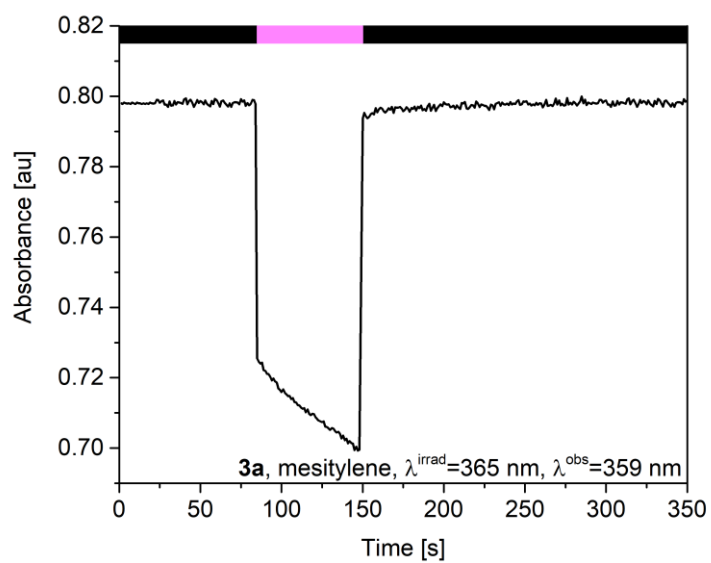
**Figure A19** Transient signal map for **3a** in mesitylene.



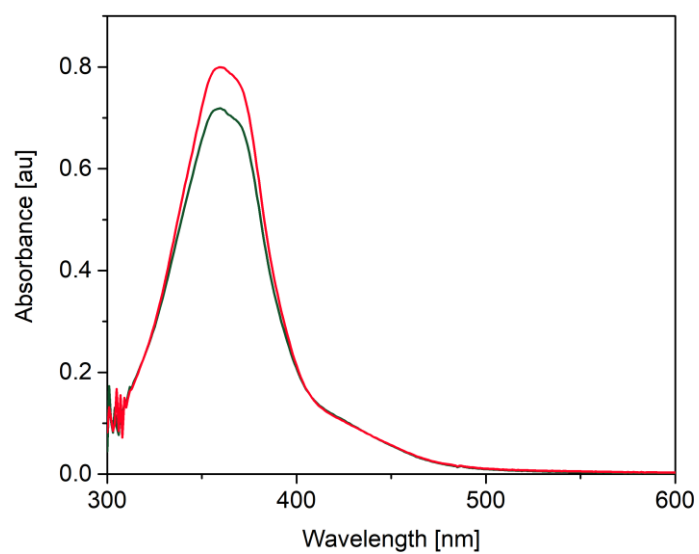
**Figure A20** Transient signal detected at 365 nm for **3a** in mesitylene.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.01732 \pm 1.42407E-4$
A1	$-0.21315 \pm 5.55734E-4$
$\tau$	$12.35036 \pm 0.05599$
R-Square(COD)	0.99147
Adj. R-Square	0.99147

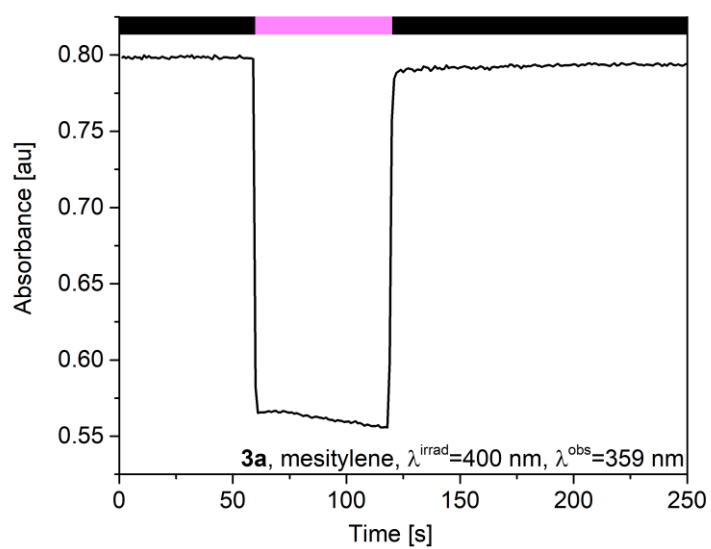
**Table A6** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A20.



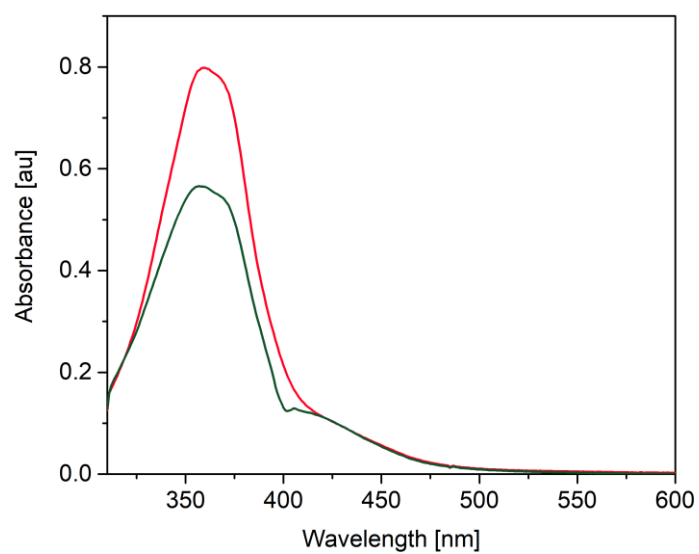
**Figure A21** Absorbance variation of **3a** in mesitylene, irradiation with a 365 nm LED,  $\lambda_{\text{obs}}=359 \text{ nm}$ .



**Figure A22** UV/vis of **E-3a** in mesitylene (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 365 nm LED.



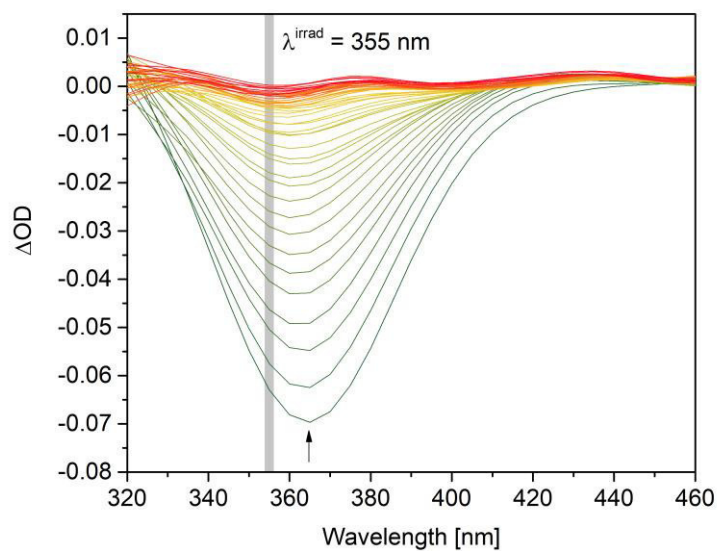
**Figure A23** Absorbance variation of **3a** in mesitylene, irradiation with a 400 nm LED,  $\lambda_{\text{obs}}=359$  nm.



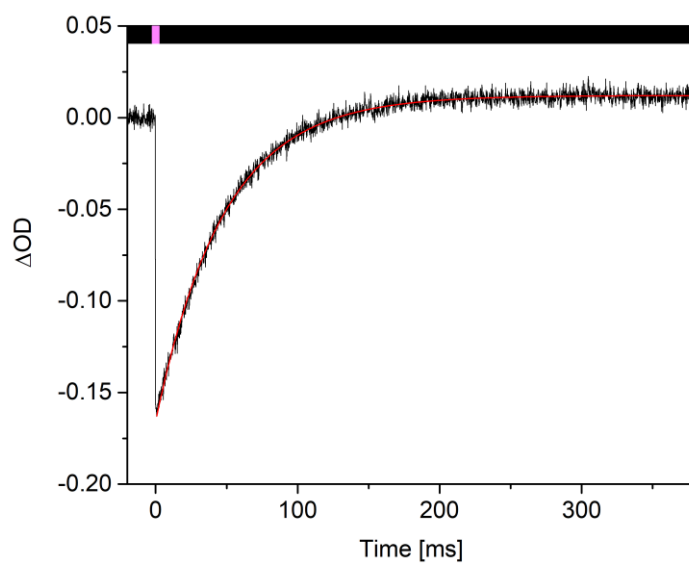
**Figure A24** UV/vis of **E-3a** in mesitylene (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 400 nm LED.



## Toluene



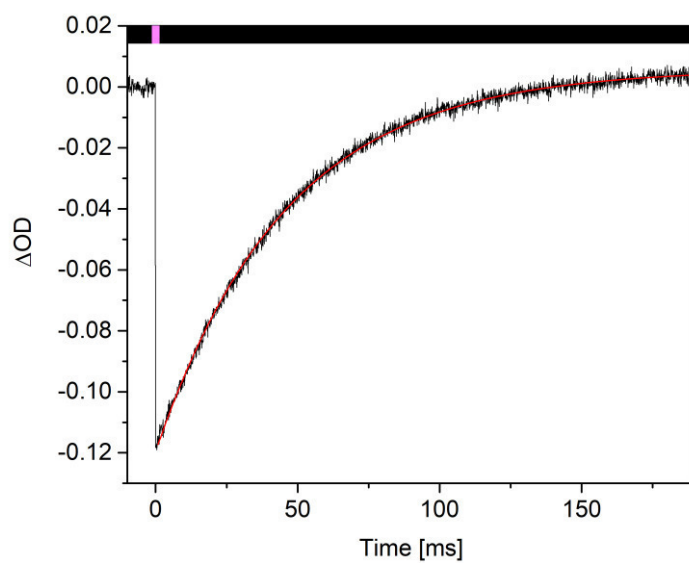
**Figure A25** Transient signal map for **3a** in toluene.



**Figure A26** Transient signal detected at 365 nm for **3a** in toluene.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.0121 \pm 1.01167E-4$
A1	$-0.17783 \pm 4.17185E-4$
$\tau$	$47.50156 \pm 0.18976$
R-Square(COD)	0.9933
Adj. R-Square	0.99329

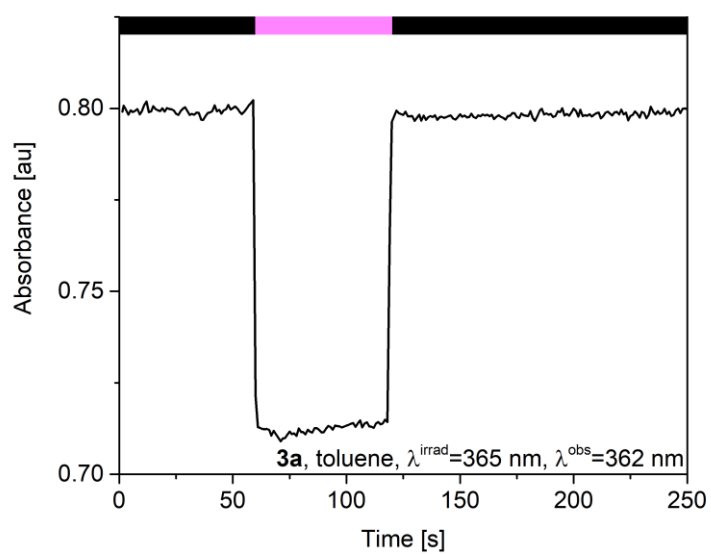
**Table A7** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A26.



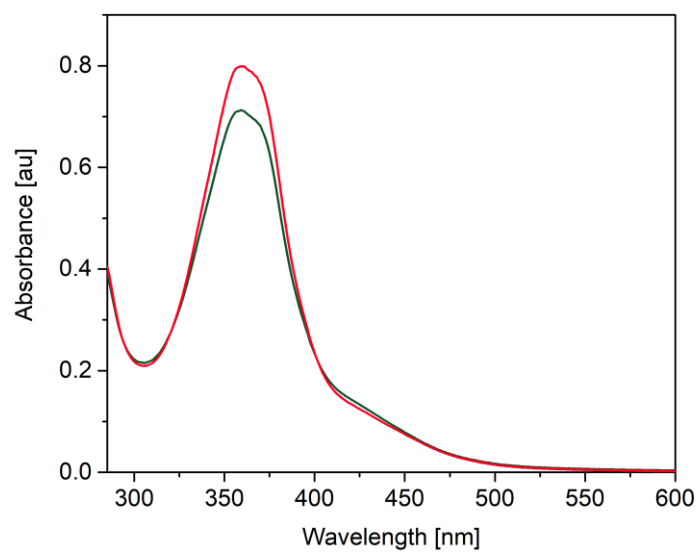
**Figure A27** Transient signal detected at 365 nm for **3a** in toluene (0.75  $\mu\text{M}$ ).

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.0059 \pm 8.47125\text{E-}5$
A1	$-0.12556 \pm 1.49611\text{E-}4$
$\tau$	$45.77156 \pm 0.13301$
R-Square(COD)	0.99762
Adj. R-Square	0.99761

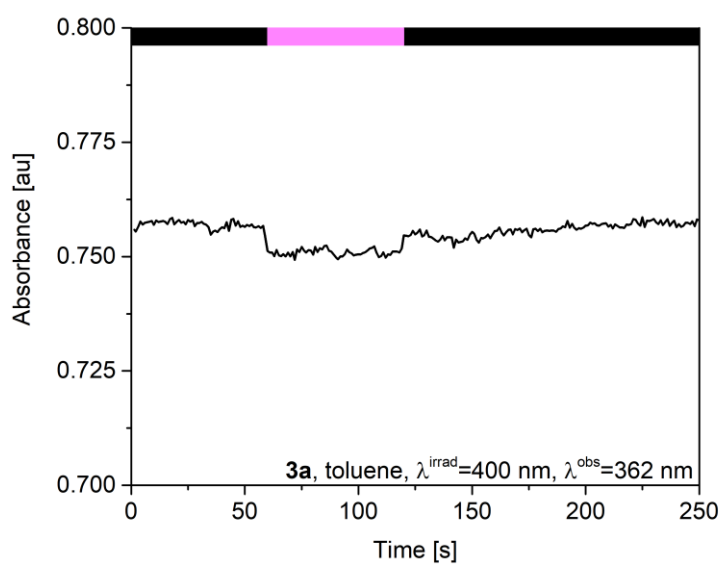
**Table A8** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A27.



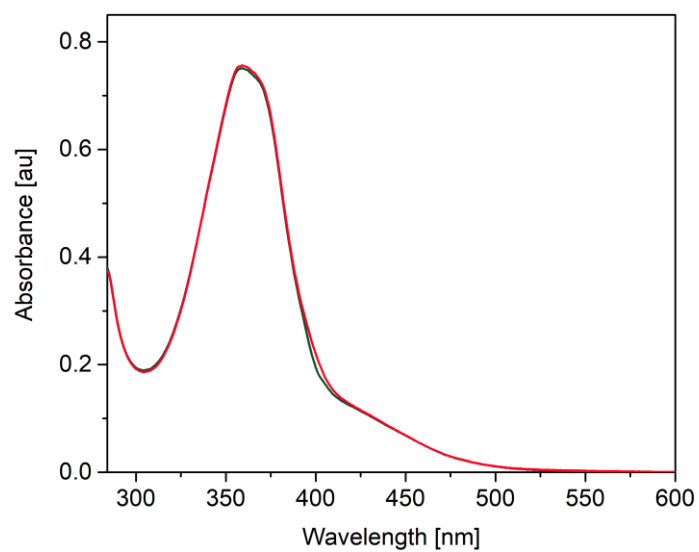
**Figure A28** Absorbance variation of **3a** in toluene, irradiation with a 365 nm LED,  $\lambda^{\text{obs}}=362$  nm.



**Figure A29** UV/vis of **E-3a** in toluene (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 365 nm LED.

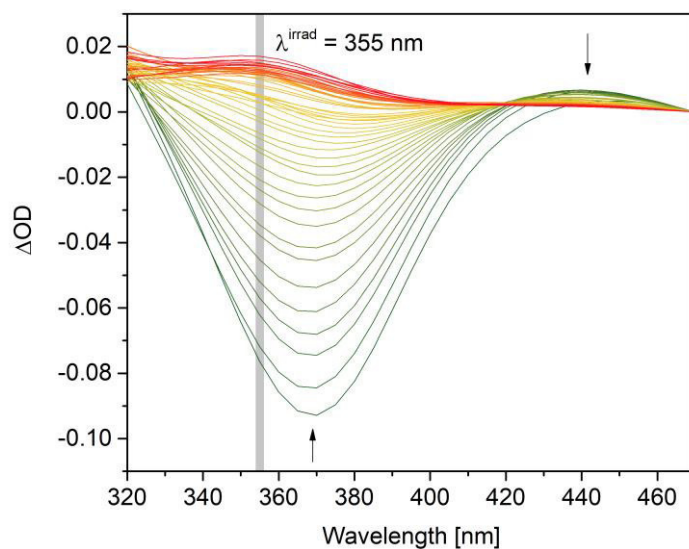


**Figure A30** Absorbance variation of **3a** in toluene, irradiation with a 400 nm LED,  $\lambda_{\text{obs}}=362$  nm.

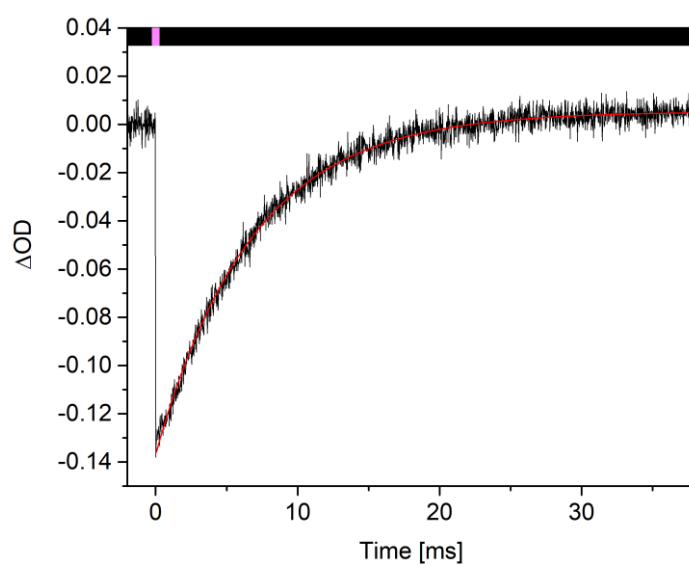


**Figure A31** UV/vis of **E-3a** in toluene (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 400 nm LED.

## Methanol



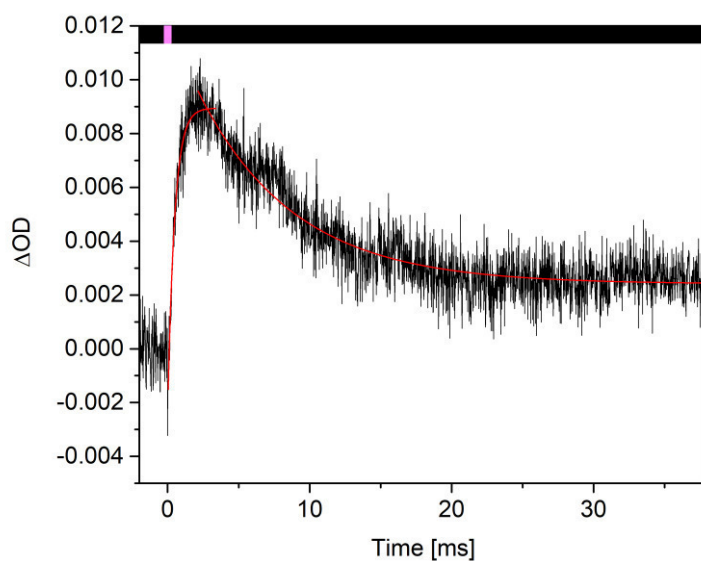
**Figure A32** Transient signal map for **3a** in methanol.



**Figure A33** Transient signal detected at 365 nm for **3a** in methanol.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00539 \pm 1.46491E-4$
A1	$-0.14222 \pm 3.96414E-4$
$\tau$	$6.76588 \pm 0.03773$
R-Square(COD)	0.98885
Adj. R-Square	0.98884

**Table A9** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A33.



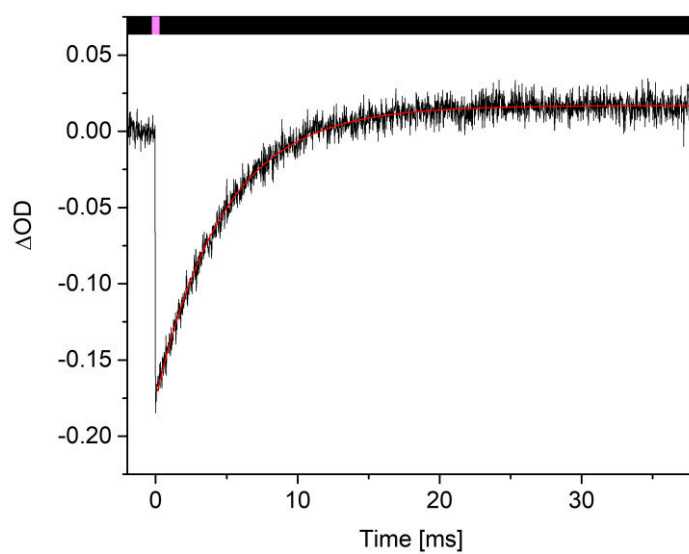
**Figure A34** Transient signal detected at 420 nm for **3a** in methanol.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00895 \pm 9.52894E-5$
A1	$-0.01136 \pm 3.74204E-4$
$\tau$	$0.48446 \pm 0.0272$
R-Square(COD)	0.90037
Adj. R-Square	0.89917

**Table A10** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A34.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00241 \pm 3.5326E-5$
A1	$0.00984 \pm 1.71875E-4$
$\tau$	$6.74508 \pm 0.17172$
R-Square(COD)	0.82341
Adj. R-Square	0.82321

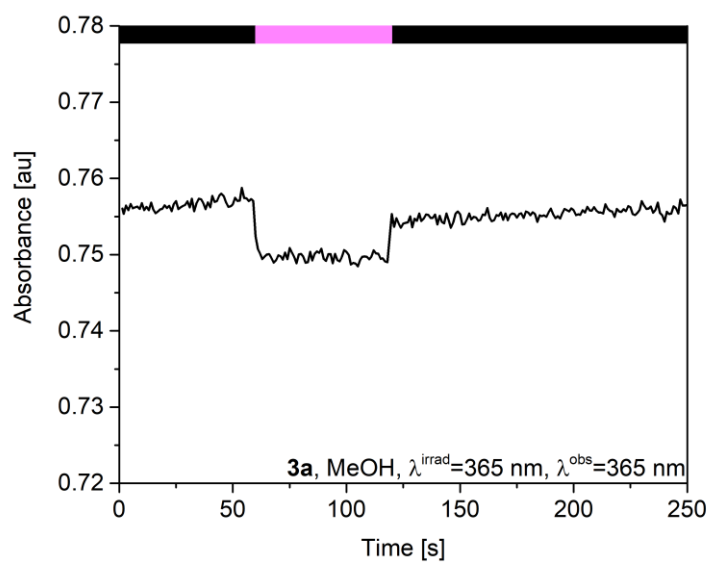
**Table A11** Fitting of the decay of the signal shown in Figure A34.



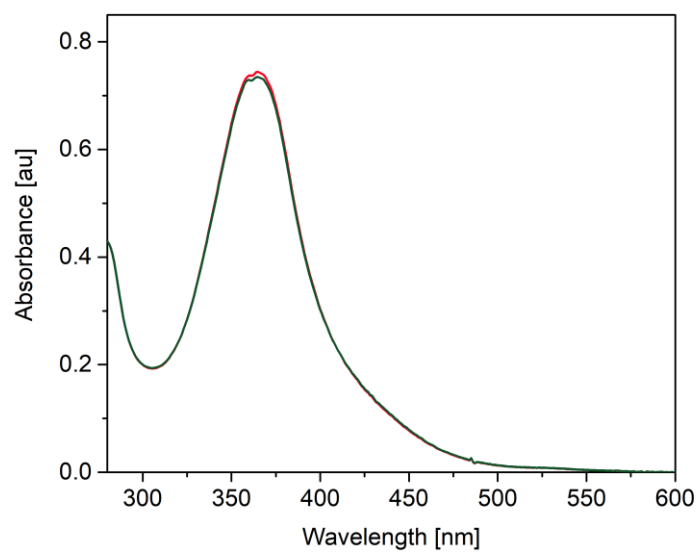
**Figure A35** Transient signal detected at 365 nm for **3a** in methanol (0.75  $\mu\text{M}$ ).

Equation	$y = \Lambda1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.01689 \pm 2.01817\text{E-}4$
$\Lambda1$	$-0.19253 \pm 8.50475\text{E-}4$
$\tau$	$4.75812 \pm 0.03538$
R-Square(COD)	0.97724
Adj. R-Square	0.97721

**Table A12** Fitting of the decay of the signal shown in Figure A35.

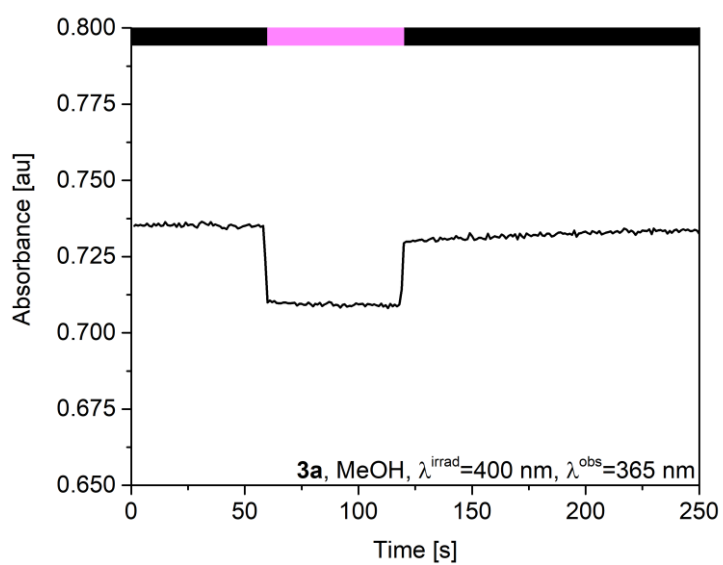


**Figure A36** Absorbance variation of **3a** in MeOH, irradiation with a 365 nm LED,  $\lambda^{\text{obs}}=365\text{ nm}$ .

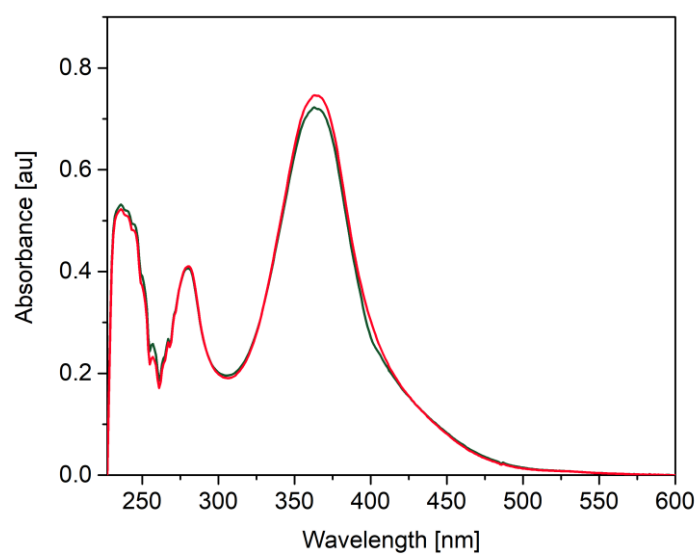


**Figure A37** UV/vis of *E-3a* in MeOH (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 365 nm LED.

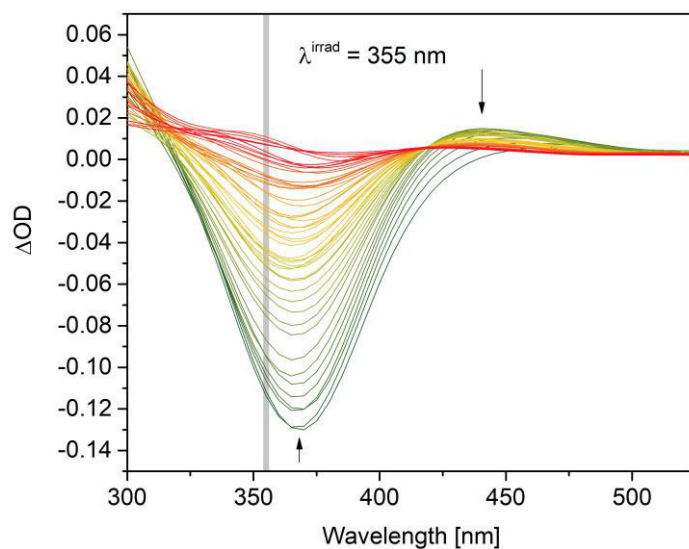




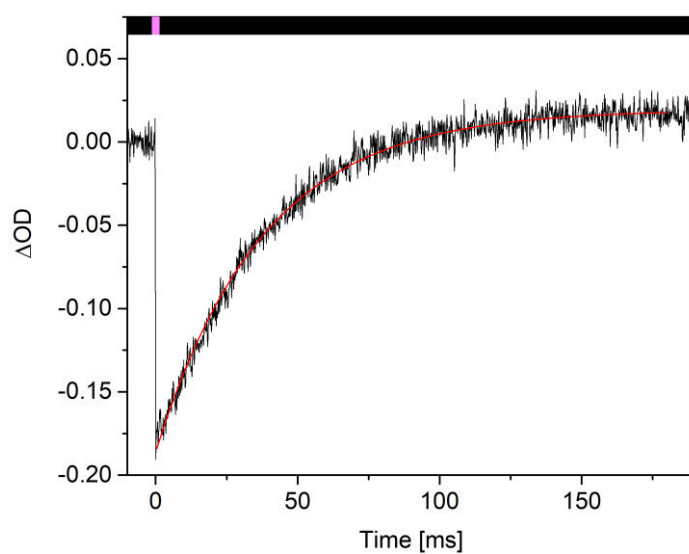
**Figure A38** Absorbance variation of **3a** in MeOH, irradiation with a 365 nm LED,  $\lambda^{\text{obs}}=400$  nm.



**Figure A39** UV/vis of **E-3a** in MeOH (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 400 nm LED.



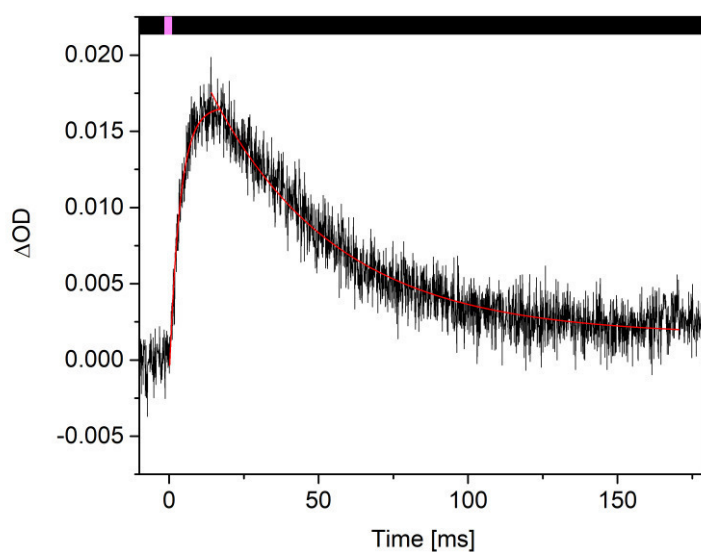
**Figure A40** Transient signal map for **3a** in MeOD.



**Figure A41** Transient signal detected at 365 nm for **3a** in MeOD.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.01942 \pm 2.84414E-4$
A1	$-0.20566 \pm 6.16329E-4$
$\tau$	$37.72755 \pm 0.24983$
R-Square(COD)	0.98679
Adj. R-Square	0.98677

**Table A13** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A41.



**Figure A42** Transient signal detected at 440 nm for **3a** in MeOD.

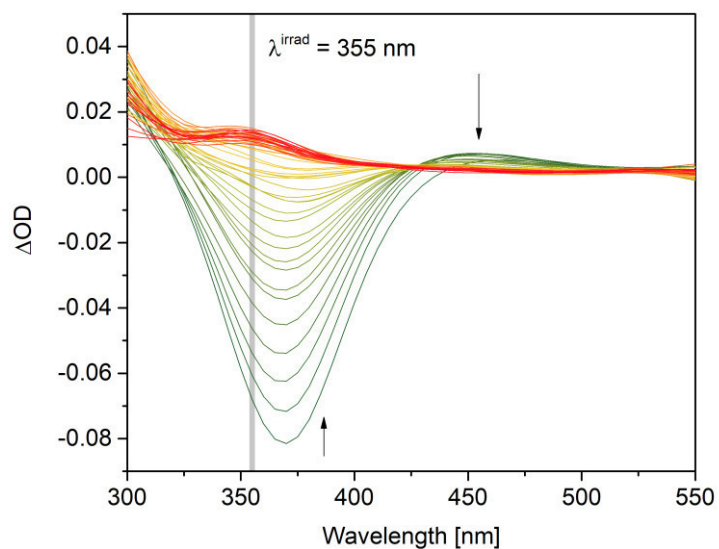
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.0166 \pm 1.94495E-4$
A1	$-0.01793 \pm 4.55863E-4$
$\tau$	$3.5394 \pm 0.1914$
R-Square(COD)	0.92274
Adj. R-Square	0.92182

**Table A14** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A42.

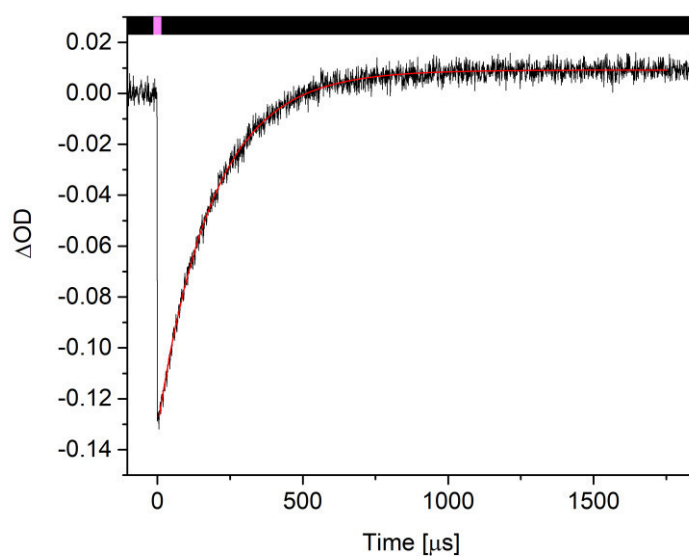
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00162 \pm 8.76195E-5$
A1	$0.02232 \pm 2.64102E-4$
$\tau$	$41.66609 \pm 0.89513$
R-Square(COD)	1.62896E-6
Adj. R-Square	0.91084

**Table A15** Fitting of the decay of the signal shown in Figure A42.

## Methanol - Water 9:1



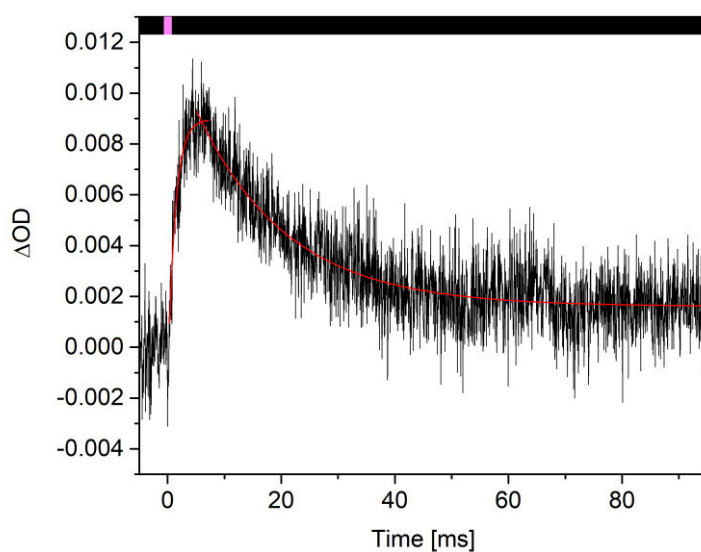
**Figure A43** Transient signal map for **3a** in MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O 9:1.



**Figure A44** Transient signal detected at 370 nm for **3a** in MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O 9:1.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00894 \pm 1.33486E-4$
A1	$-0.13116 \pm 4.11548E-4$
$\tau$	$14.82742 \pm 0.0879$
R-Square(COD)	0.98759
Adj. R-Square	0.98757

**Table A16** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A44.



**Figure A45** Transient signal detected at 440 nm for **3a** in MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O 9:1.

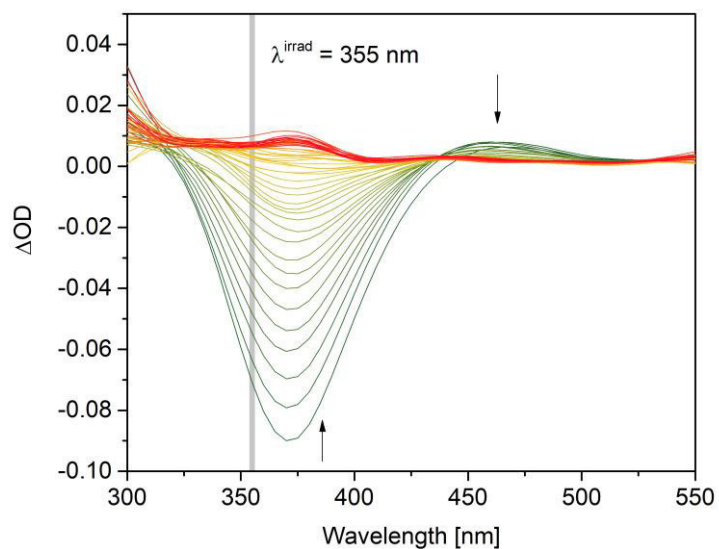
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00897 \pm 1.65031E-4$
A1	$-0.01055 \pm 7.11154E-4$
$\tau$	$1.27848 \pm 0.13426$
R-Square(COD)	0.78465
Adj. R-Square	0.78144

**Table A17** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A45.

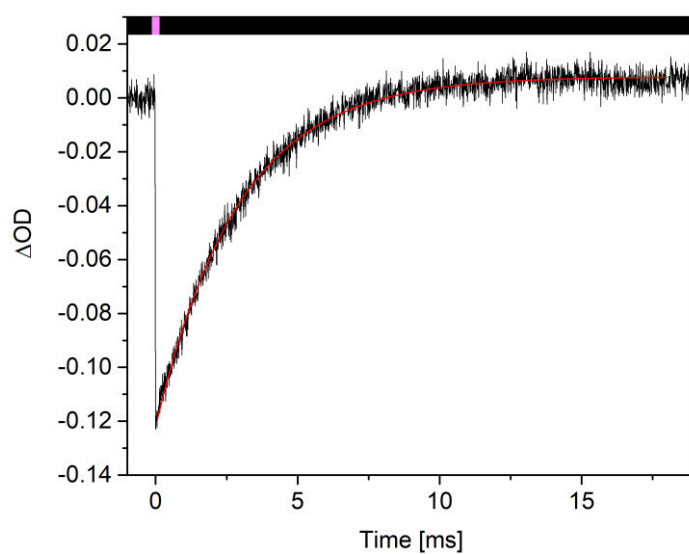
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00161 \pm 4.85678E-5$
A1	$0.01062 \pm 2.61403E-4$
$\tau$	$15.87205 \pm 0.54545$
R-Square(COD)	0.71054
Adj. R-Square	0.71022

**Table A18** Fitting of the decay of the signal shown in Figure A45.

## Methanol - Water 1:1



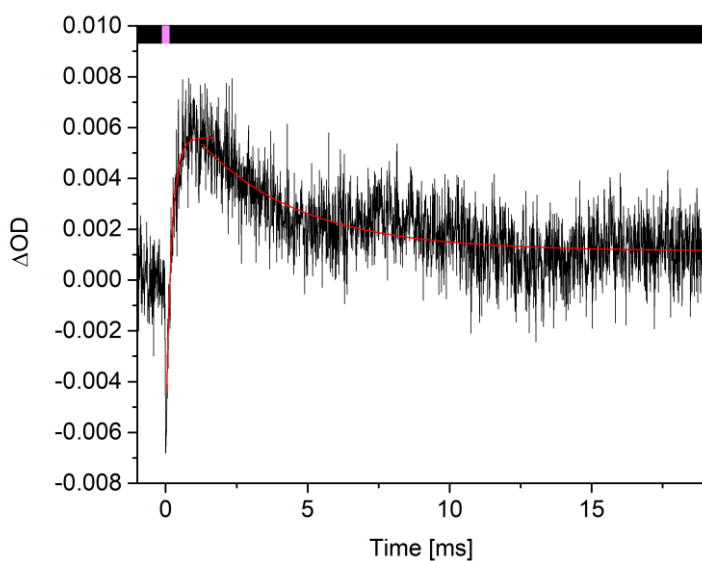
**Figure A46** Transient signal map for **3a** in MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O 1:1.



**Figure A47** Transient signal detected at 370 nm for **3a** in MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O 1:1.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00791 \pm 1.31759E-4$
A1	$-0.12991 \pm 4.18322E-4$
$\tau$	$2.89774 \pm 0.01742$
R-Square(COD)	0.98709
Adj. R-Square	0.98707

**Table S19** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A47.



**Figure A48** Transient signal detected at 440 nm for **3a** in MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O 1:1.

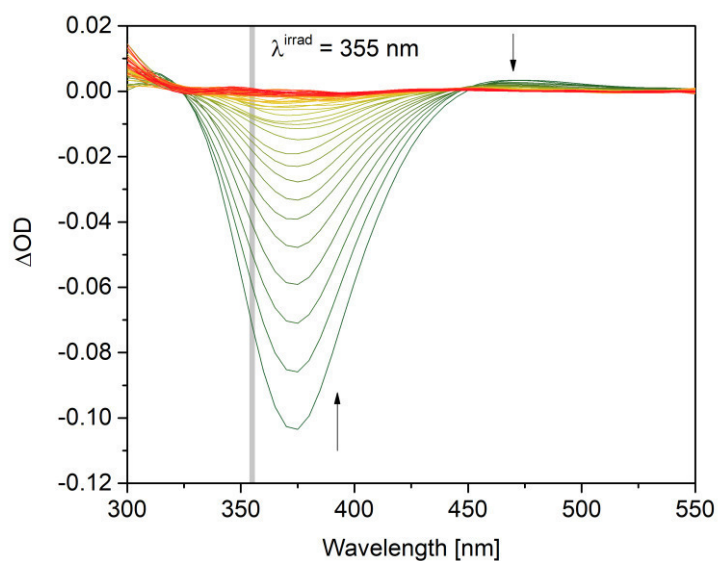
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.0056 \pm 1.23826E-4$
A1	$-0.01225 \pm 7.55371E-4$
$\tau$	$0.19599 \pm 0.01704$
R-Square(COD)	0.78162
Adj. R-Square	0.77894

**Table A20** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A48.

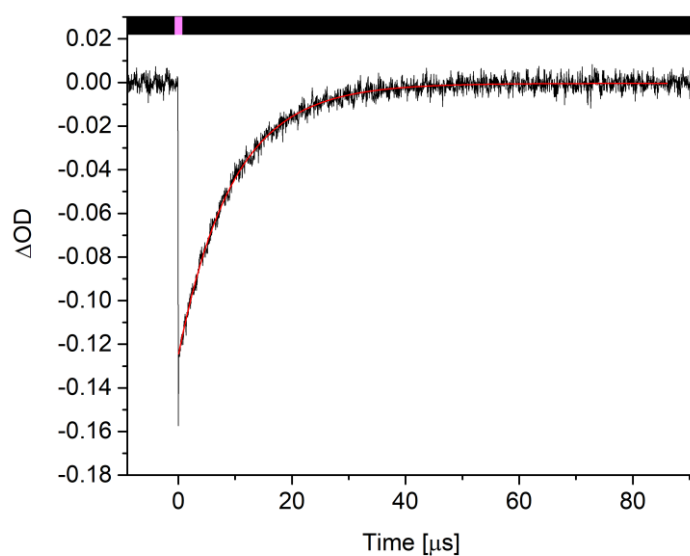
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00114 \pm 5.46594E-5$
A1	$0.00605 \pm 2.72628E-4$
$\tau$	$3.53921 \pm 0.22747$
R-Square(COD)	0.43661
Adj. R-Square	0.43597

**Table A21** Fitting of the decay of the signal shown in Figure A48.

MeOH - buffered water (pH = 4) 1:1



**Figure A49** Transient signal map for **3a** in MeOH- buffered H<sub>2</sub>O (pH=4) 1:1.



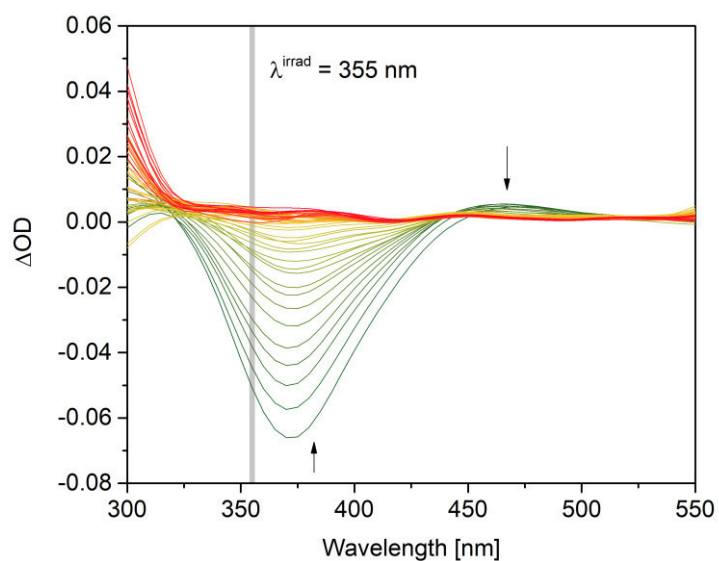
**Figure A50** Transient signal detected at 375 nm for **3a** in MeOH- buffered H<sub>2</sub>O (pH=4) 1:1.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$-3.91634E-4 \pm 9.40343E-5$
A1	$-0.12466 \pm 4.24688E-4$
$\tau$	$9.52264 \pm 0.05404$
R-Square(COD)	0.98742
Adj. R-Square	0.98741

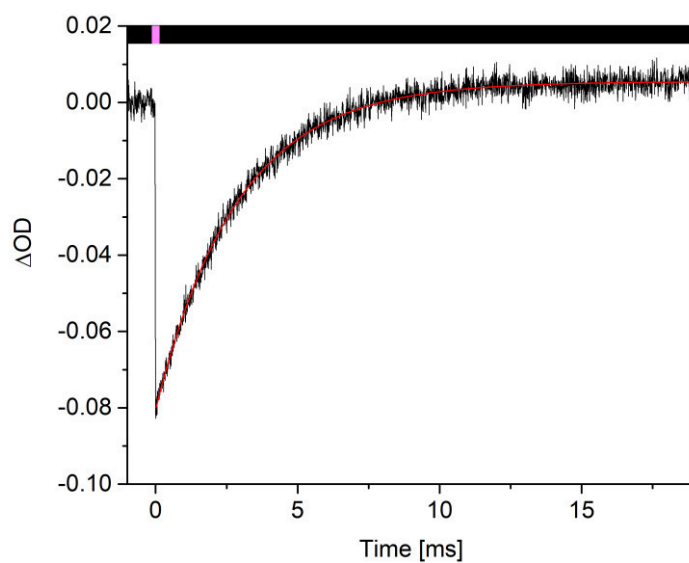
**Table A22** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A50.



## Methanol - Water 1:2



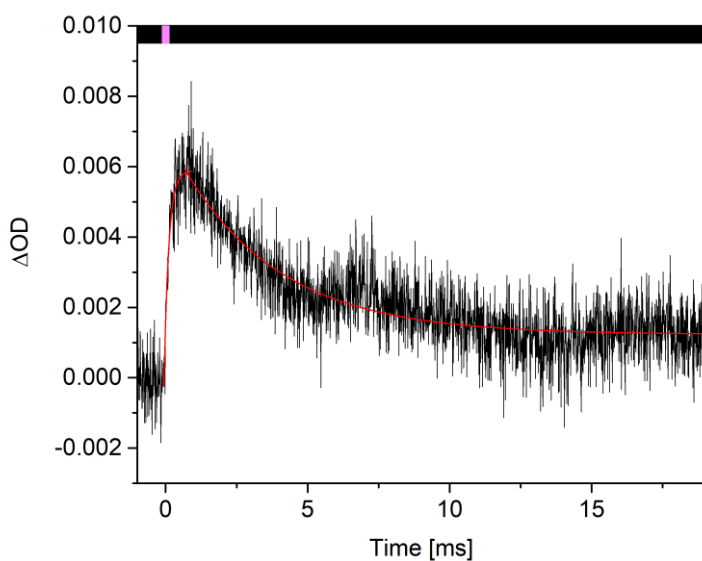
**Figure A51** Transient signal map for **3a** in MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O 1:2.



**Figure A52** Transient signal detected at 375 nm for **3a** in MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O 1:2.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00546 \pm 7.84826E-5$
A1	$-0.08581 \pm 2.59824E-4$
$\tau$	$2.87345 \pm 0.01604$
R-Square(COD)	0.98784
Adj. R-Square	0.98783

**Table A23** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A52.



**Figure A53** Transient signal detected at 465 nm for **3a** in MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O 1:2.

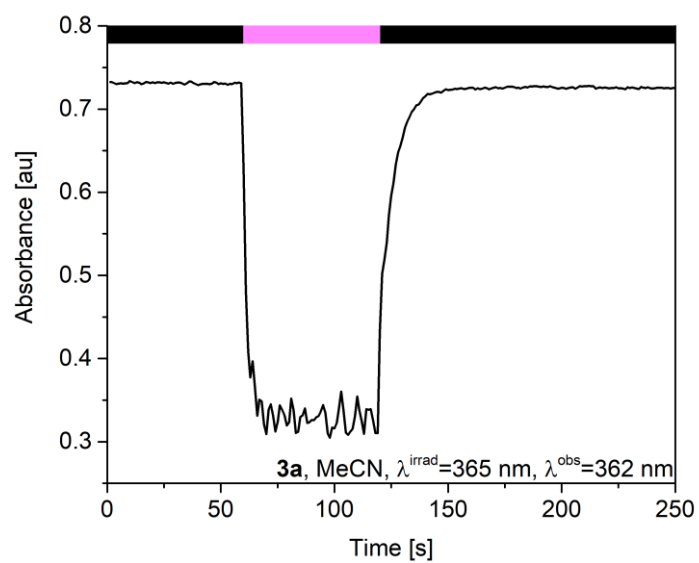
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00589 \pm 1.36293E-4$
A1	$-0.00427 \pm 2.39947E-4$
$\tau$	$0.16579 \pm 0.02006$
R-Square(COD)	0.78486
Adj. R-Square	0.78033

**Table A24** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A53.

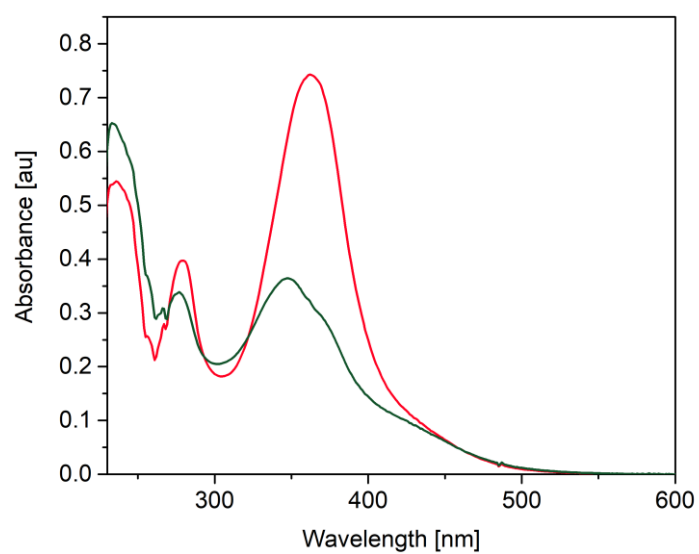
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00123 \pm 3.26719E-5$
A1	$0.00572 \pm 1.23106E-4$
$\tau$	$3.42852 \pm 0.12344$
R-Square(COD)	0.69456
Adj. R-Square	0.69422

**Table A25** Fitting of the decay of the signal shown in Figure A53.

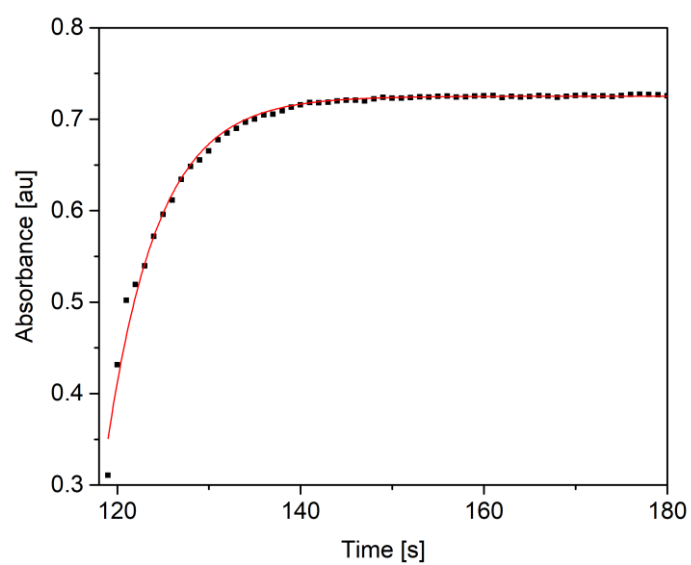
## Acetonitrile



**Figure A54** Absorbance variation of **3a** in MeCN, irradiation with a 365 nm LED,  $\lambda^{\text{obs}}=362\text{ nm}$ .



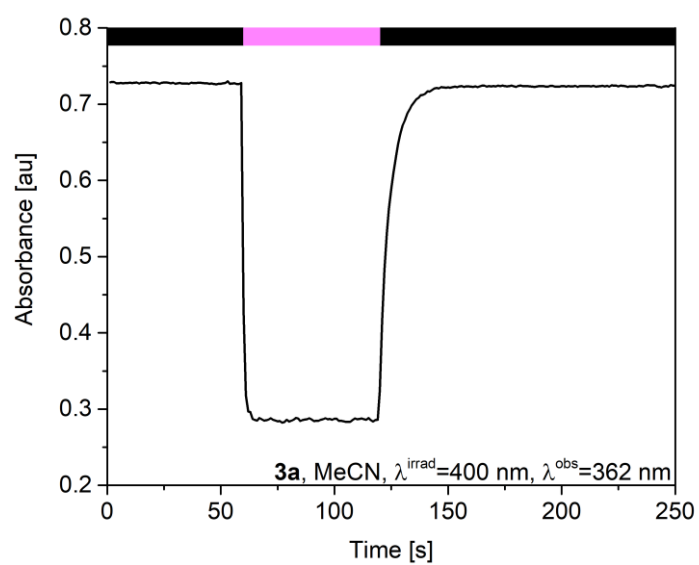
**Figure A55** UV/vis of *E*-**3a** in MeCN (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 365 nm LED.



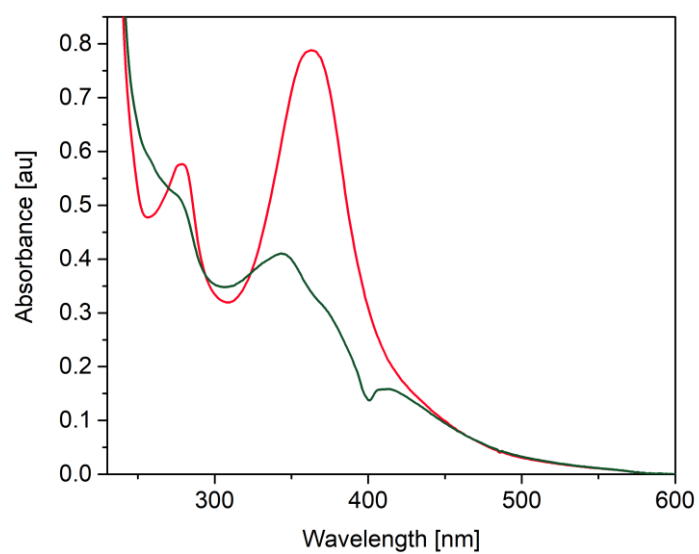
**Figure A56** PSS-to-*E* kinetic of **3a** in MeCN, irradiation with 365 nm LED,  $\lambda^{\text{obs}}=362$  nm.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.72522 \pm 5.15549\text{E-}4$
A1	$-6.7543\text{E}8 \pm 2.49744\text{E}8$
$\tau$	$5.58327 \pm 0.09518$
R-Square(COD)	0.99054
Adj. R-Square	0.99039

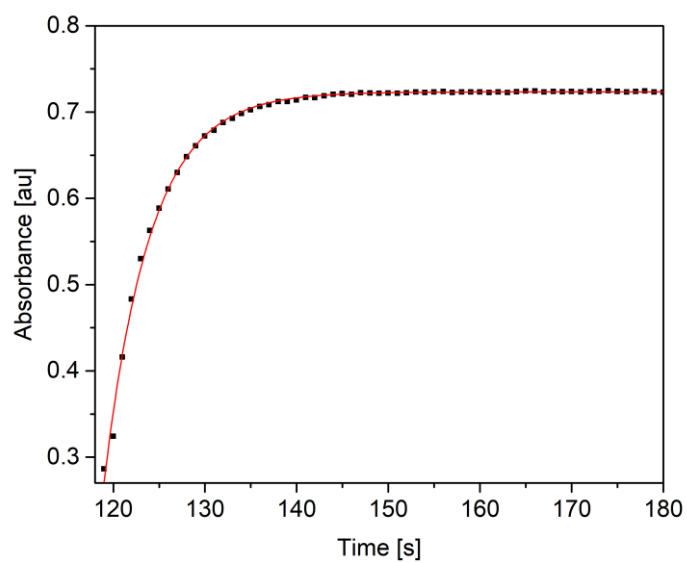
**Table A26** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A56.



**Figure A57** Absorbance variation of **3a** in MeCN, irradiation with a 400 nm LED,  $\lambda_{\text{obs}}=362\text{ nm}$ .



**Figure A58** UV/vis of **E-3a** in MeCN (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 400 nm LED.

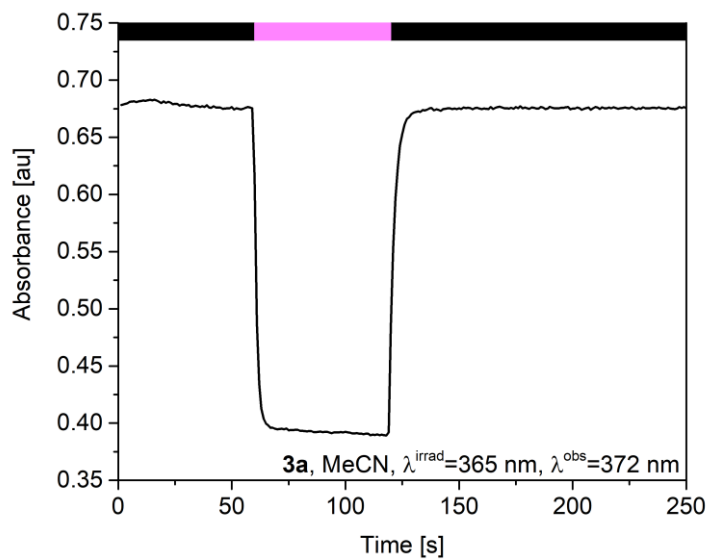


**Figure A59** PSS-to-*E* kinetic of **3a** in MeCN, irradiation with 400 nm LED,  $\lambda^{\text{obs}}=362$  nm.

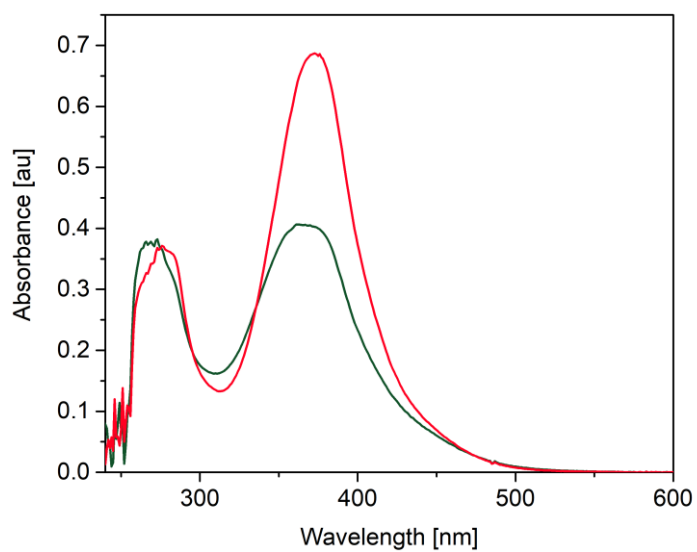
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.72522 \pm 5.15549\text{E-}4$
A1	$-6.7543\text{E}8 \pm 2.49744\text{E}8$
$\tau$	$5.58327 \pm 0.09518$
R-Square(COD)	0.99054
Adj. R-Square	0.99039

**Table A27** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A59.

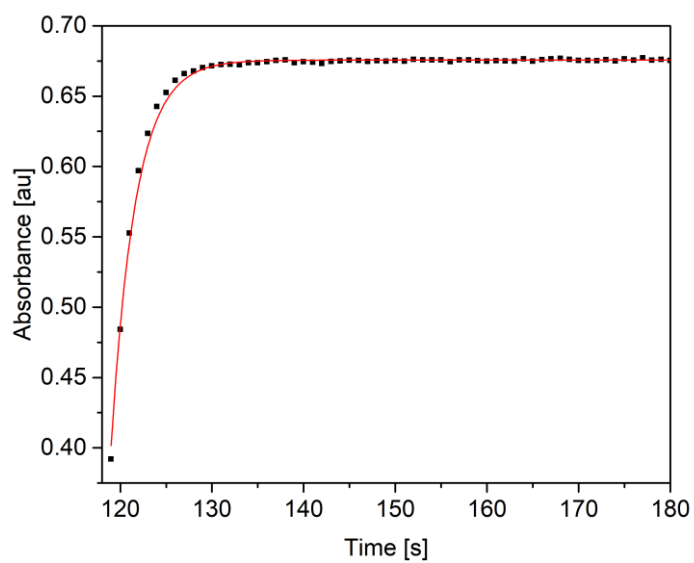
DMSO



**Figure A60** Absorbance variation of **3a** in DMSO, irradiation with a 365 nm LED,  $\lambda^{\text{obs}}=372\text{ nm}$ .



**Figure A61** UV/vis of *E-3a* in DMSO (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 365 nm LED.

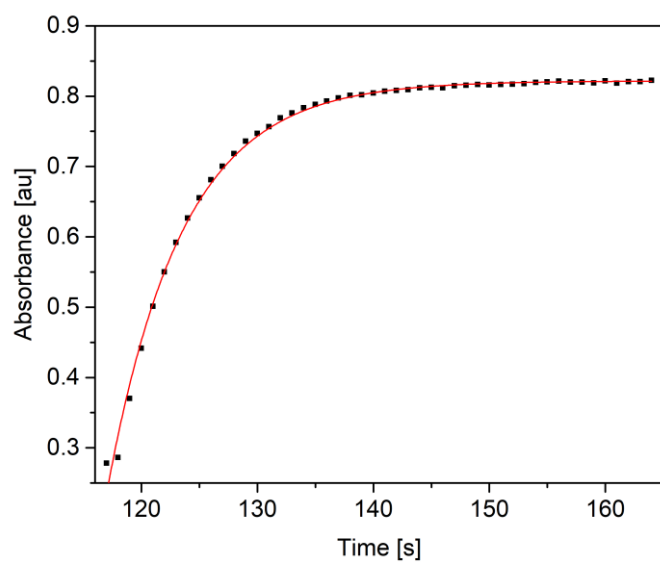


**Figure A62** PSS-to-*E* kinetic of **3a** in DMSO, irradiation with 365 nm LED,  $\lambda^{\text{obs}}=372$  nm.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.67564 \pm 1.39536\text{E-}4$
A1	$-5.85659\text{E}18 \pm 2.63998\text{E}18$
$\tau$	$2.67363 \pm 0.02688$
R-Square(COD)	0.99571
Adj. R-Square	0.99566

**Table A28** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A62.



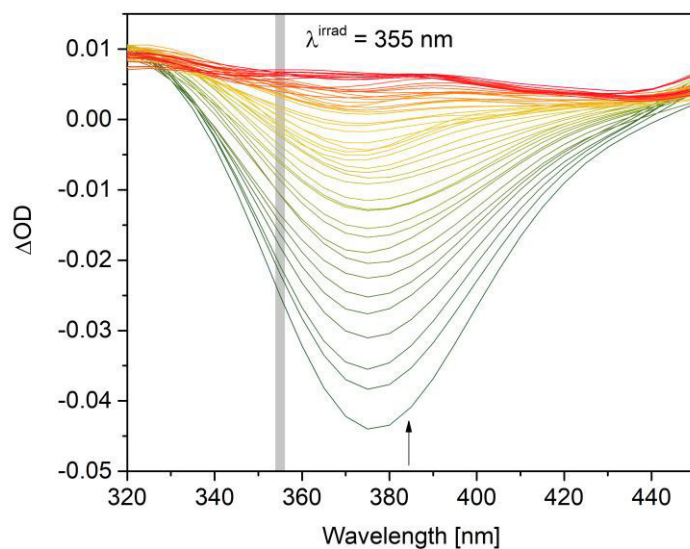


**Figure A63** PSS-to-*E* kinetic of **3a** in DMSO, irradiation with 400 nm LED,  $\lambda_{\text{obs}}=372$  nm.

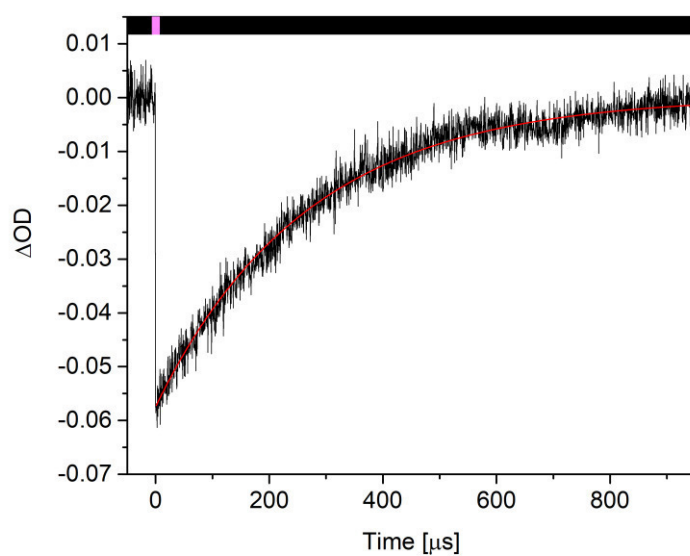
Equation	$y = \Lambda1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.82168 \pm 0.00194$
$\Lambda1$	$-4.24216\text{E}7 \pm 1.58\text{E}7$
$\tau$	$6.46568 \pm 0.13126$
R-Square(COD)	0.996
Adj. R-Square	0.99582

**Table A29** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A63.

## DMSO - H<sub>2</sub>O 9:1



**Figure A64** Transient signal map for **3a** in DMSO-H<sub>2</sub>O 9:1.

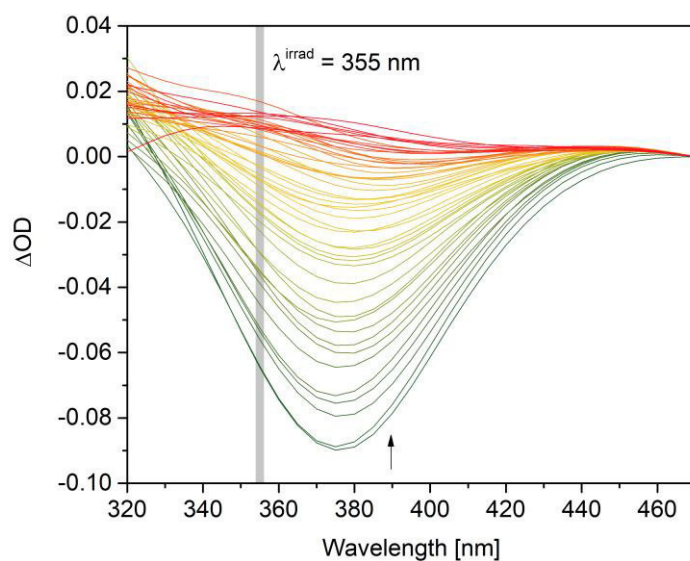


**Figure A65** Transient signal detected at 375 nm for **3a** in DMSO-H<sub>2</sub>O 9:1.

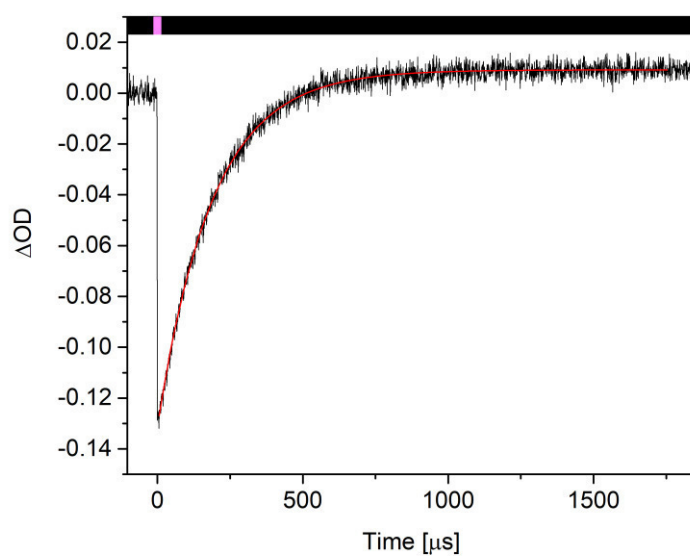
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$2.65734E-4 \pm 1.62744E-4$
A1	$-0.05768 \pm 2.19927E-4$
$\tau$	$266.5882 \pm 2.81684$
R-Square(COD)	0.97367
Adj. R-Square	0.97365

**Table A30** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A65.

## DMSO - H<sub>2</sub>O 1:1



**Figure A66** Transient signal map for **3a** in DMSO-H<sub>2</sub>O 1:1.

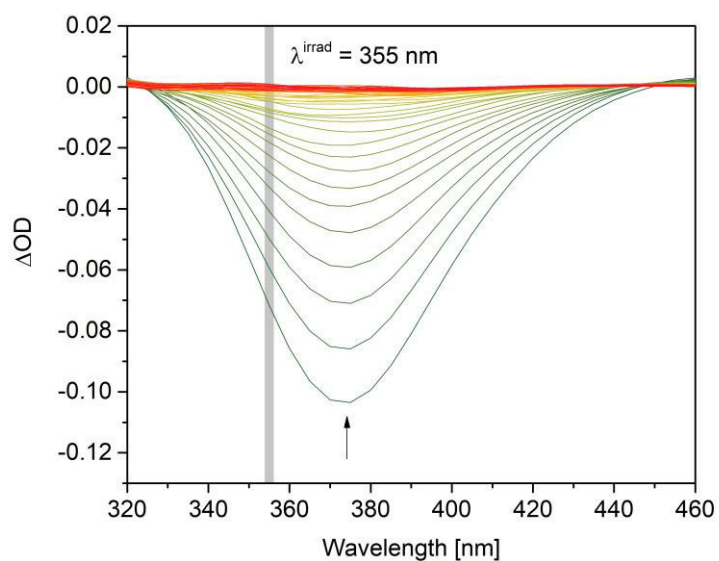


**Figure A67** Transient signal detected at 375 nm for **3a** in DMSO-H<sub>2</sub>O 1:1.

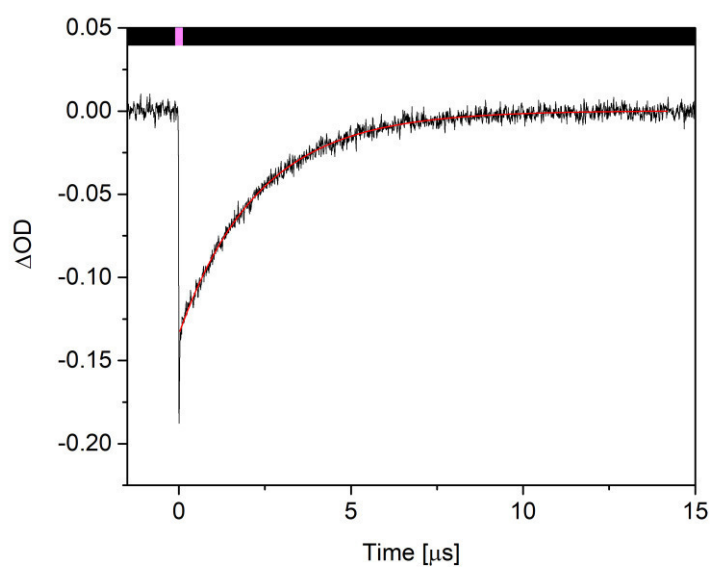
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00916 \pm 8.49466E-5$
A1	$-0.14047 \pm 4.15299E-4$
$\tau$	$187.8634 \pm 0.89429$
R-Square(COD)	0.99093
Adj. R-Square	0.99092

**Table A31** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A67.

# DMSO - buffered H<sub>2</sub>O (pH = 4) 1:1



**Figure A68** Transient signal map for **3a** in DMSO-buffered H<sub>2</sub>O (pH = 4) 1:1.

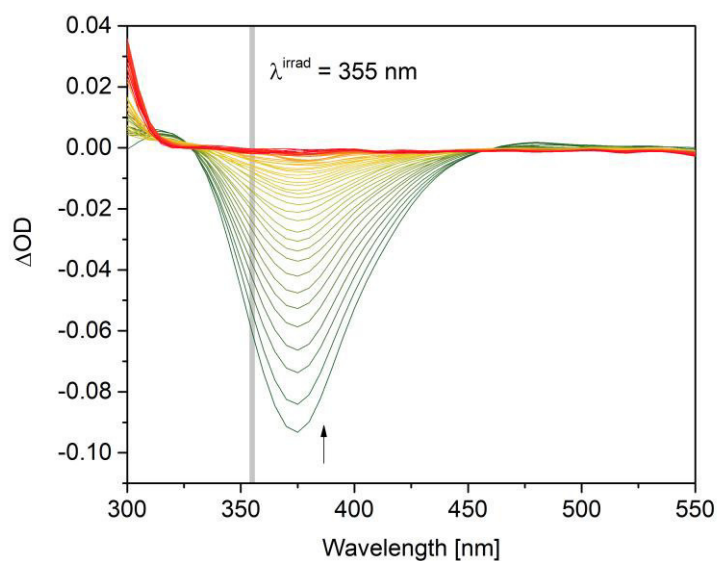


**Figure A69** Transient signal detected at 370 nm for **3a** in DMSO-buffered H<sub>2</sub>O (pH = 4) 1:1.

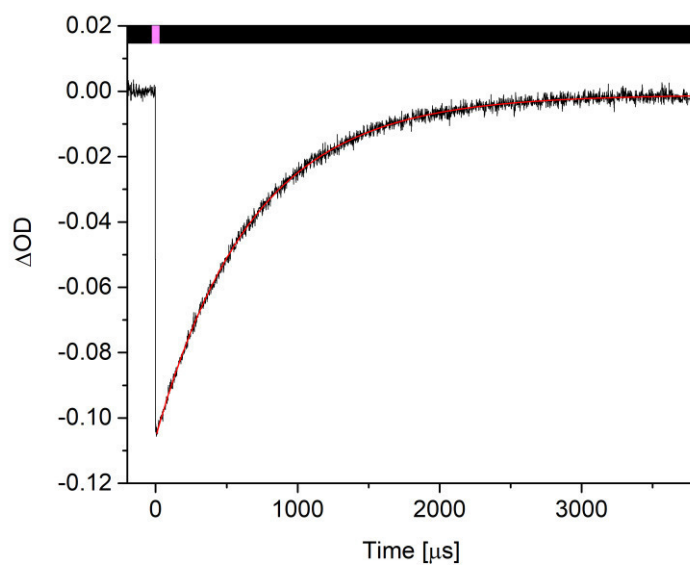
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00916 \pm 8.49466E-5$
A1	$-0.14047 \pm 4.15299E-4$
$\tau$	$187.8634 \pm 0.89429$
R-Square(COD)	0.99093
Adj. R-Square	0.99092

**Table A32** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A69.

# DMSO - buffered H<sub>2</sub>O (pH = 7) 1:1



**Figure A70** Transient signal map for **3a** in DMSO-buffered H<sub>2</sub>O (pH = 7) 1:1.

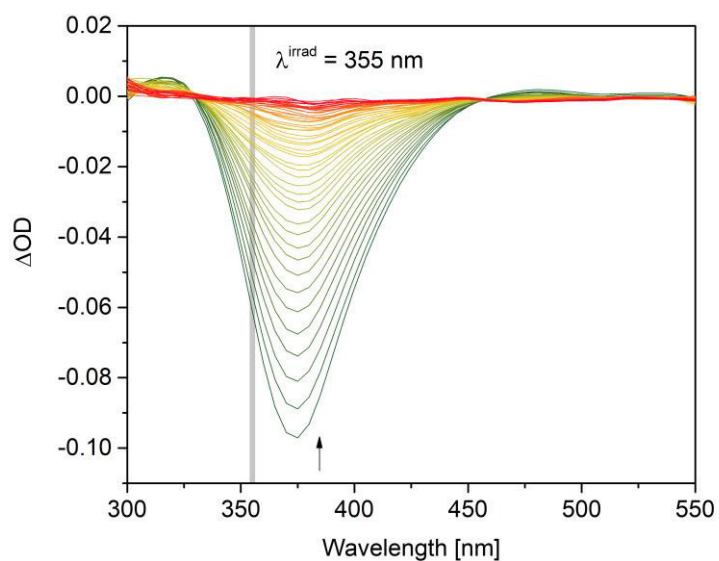


**Figure A71** Transient signal detected at 375 nm for **3a** in DMSO-buffered H<sub>2</sub>O (pH = 7) 1:1.

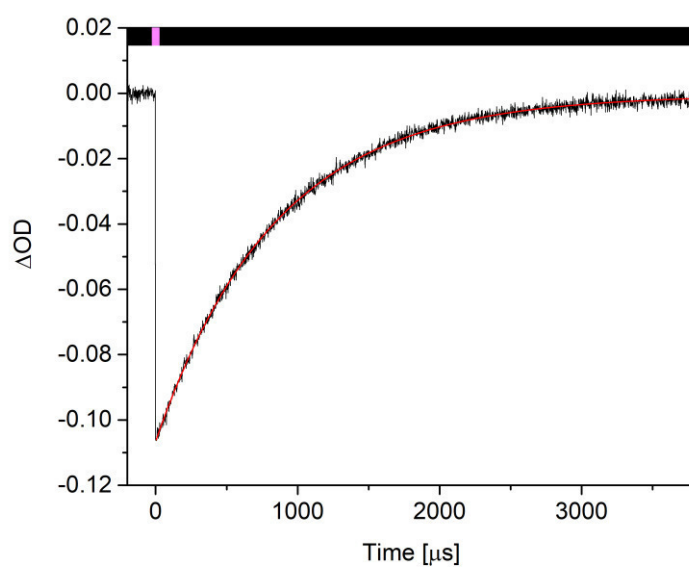
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$-0.00106 \pm 5.2087E-5$
A1	$-0.10486 \pm 1.4199E-4$
$\tau$	$675.95522 \pm 1.82404$
R-Square(COD)	$1.63279E-6$
Adj. R-Square	$0.99738$

**Table A33** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A71.

DMSO - buffered H<sub>2</sub>O (pH = 9) 1:1



**Figure A72** Transient signal map for **3a** in DMSO-buffered H<sub>2</sub>O (pH = 9) 1:1.

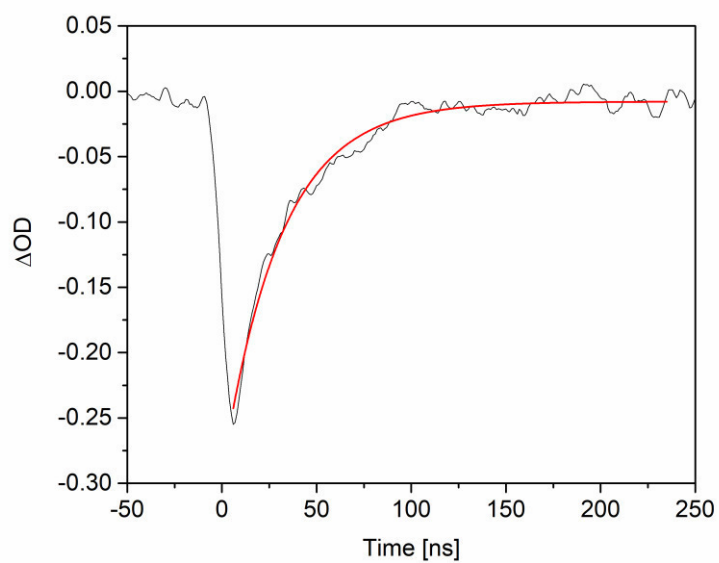


**Figure A73** Transient signal detected at 375 nm for **3a** in DMSO-buffered H<sub>2</sub>O (pH = 9) 1:1.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$-4.40005E-4 \pm 6.1301E-5$
A1	$-0.10612 \pm 1.20826E-4$
$\tau$	$841.80537 \pm 2.21454$
R-Square(COD)	0.99788
Adj. R-Square	0.99787

**Table A34** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A73.

DMSO - H<sub>2</sub>O 1:1 + 25 μL DBU

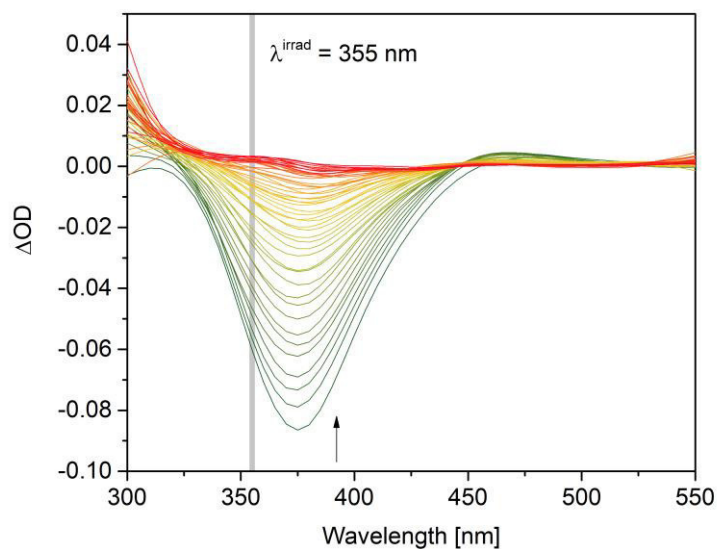


**Figure A74** Transient signal detected at 375 nm for **3a** in DMSO-H<sub>2</sub>O 1:1 + 25 μL DBU.

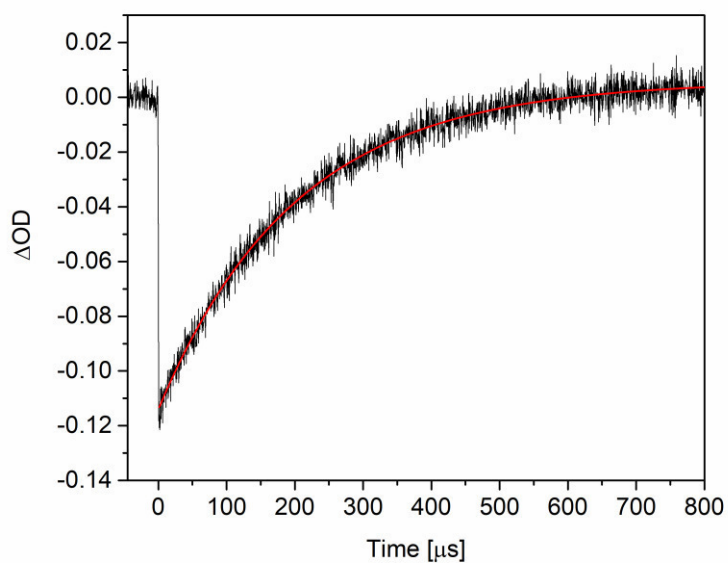
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$-0.0079 \pm 6.8694E-4$
A1	$-0.28573 \pm 0.00376$
$\tau$	$30.51079 \pm 0.58498$
R-Square(COD)	0.98203
Adj. R-Square	0.98187

**Table A35** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A74.

## DMSO - H<sub>2</sub>O 1:2



**Figure A75** Transient signal map for **3a** in DMSO-H<sub>2</sub>O 1:2.



**Figure A76** Transient signal detected at 371 nm for **3a** in DMSO-H<sub>2</sub>O 1:2.

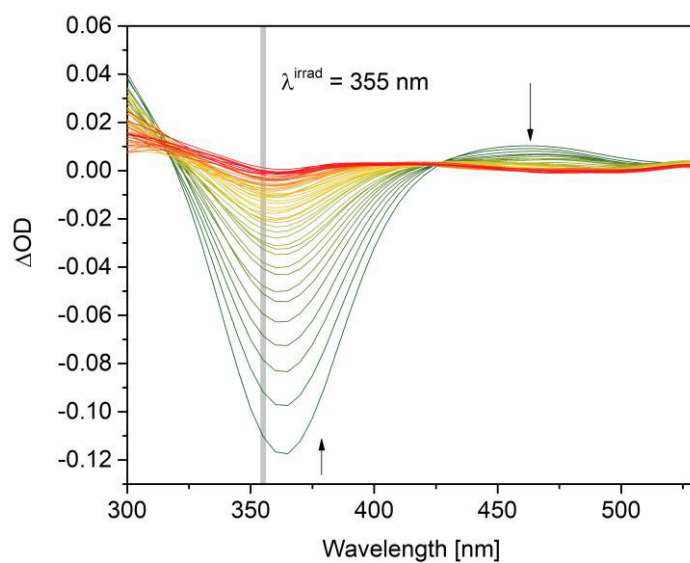
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00593 \pm 2.06987E-4$
A1	$-0.12001 \pm 3.80031E-4$
$\tau$	$200.99355 \pm 1.5217$
R-Square(COD)	0.98339
Adj. R-Square	0.98337

**Table A36** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A76.

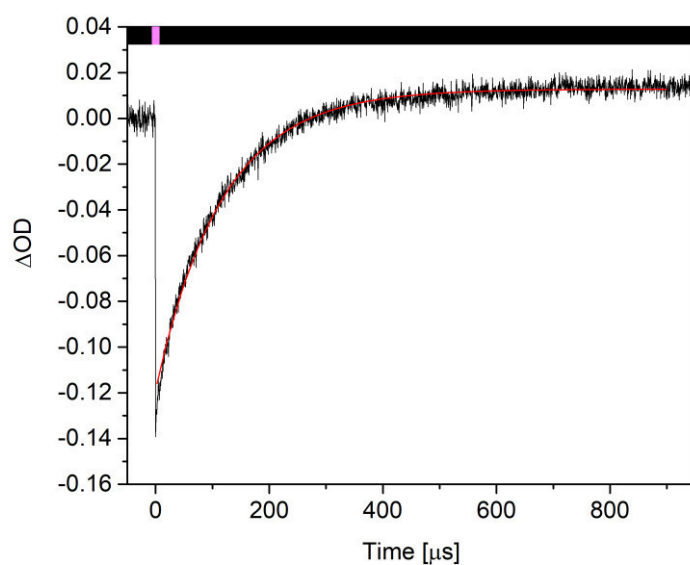


### 2.3.2 3b

#### Cyclohexane



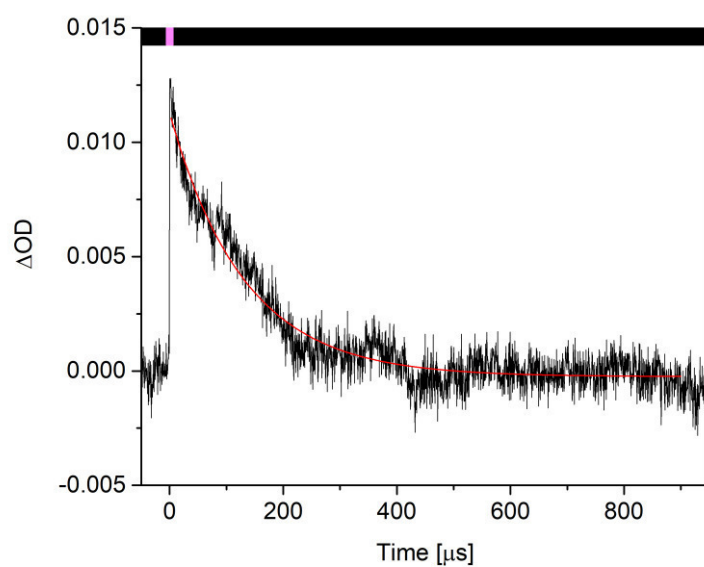
**Figure A77** Transient signal map for **3b** in cyclohexane.



**Figure A78** Transient signal detected at 365 nm for **3b** in cyclohexane.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.01284 \pm 1.00686E-4$
A1	$-0.13157 \pm 4.03427E-4$
$\tau$	$116.81379 \pm 0.61459$
R-Square(COD)	0.98917
Adj. R-Square	0.98916

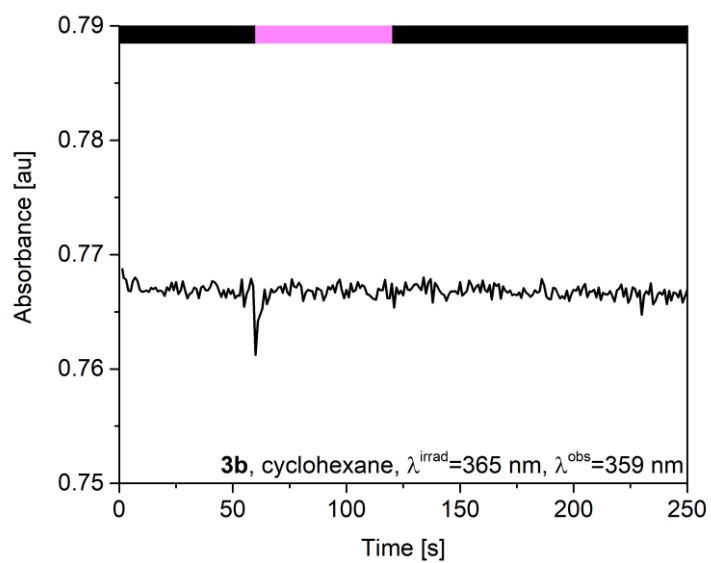
**Table A37** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A78.



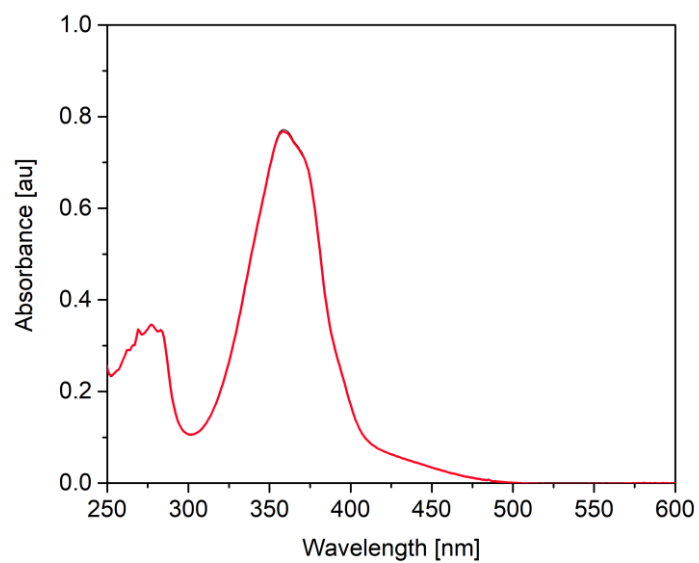
**Figure A79** Transient signal detected at 465 nm for **3b** in cyclohexane.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$-2.47464E-4 \pm 2.81514E-5$
A1	$0.01152 \pm 9.94026E-5$
$\tau$	$131.14277 \pm 2.03112$
R-Square(COD)	0.91657
Adj. R-Square	0.91647

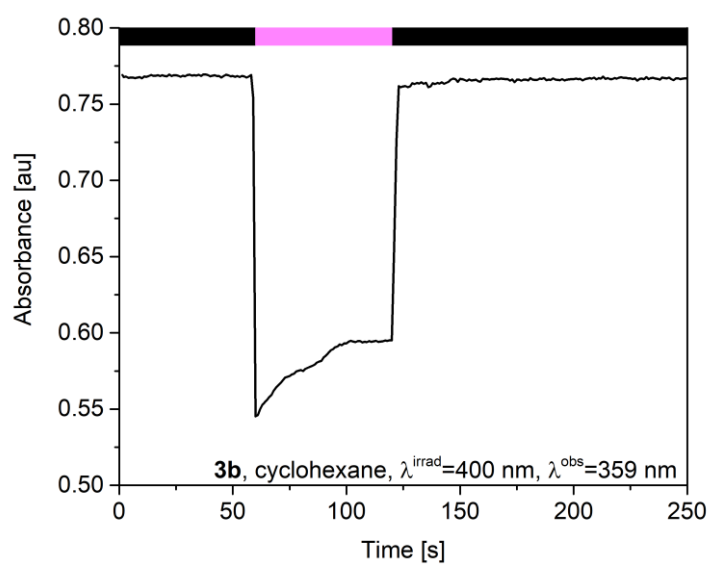
**Table A38** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A79.



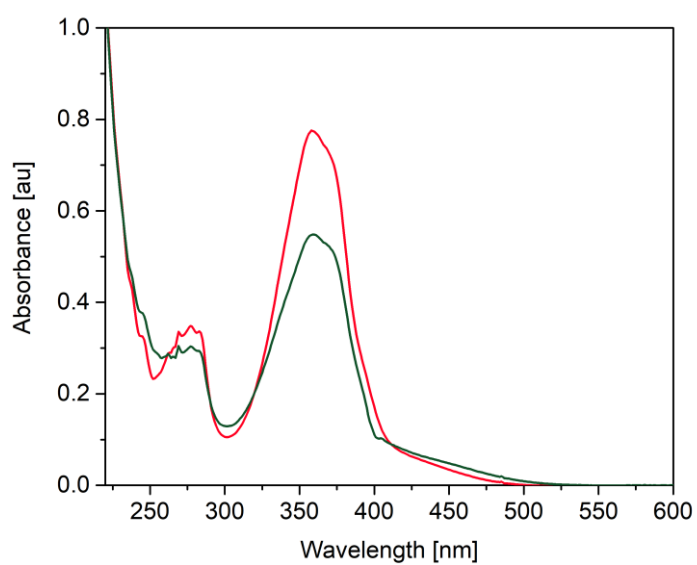
**Figure A80** Absorbance variation of **3b** in cyclohexane, irradiation with a 365 nm LED,  $\lambda^{\text{obs}}=359$  nm.



**Figure A81** UV/vis of *E*-**3b** in cyclohexane (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 365 nm LED.

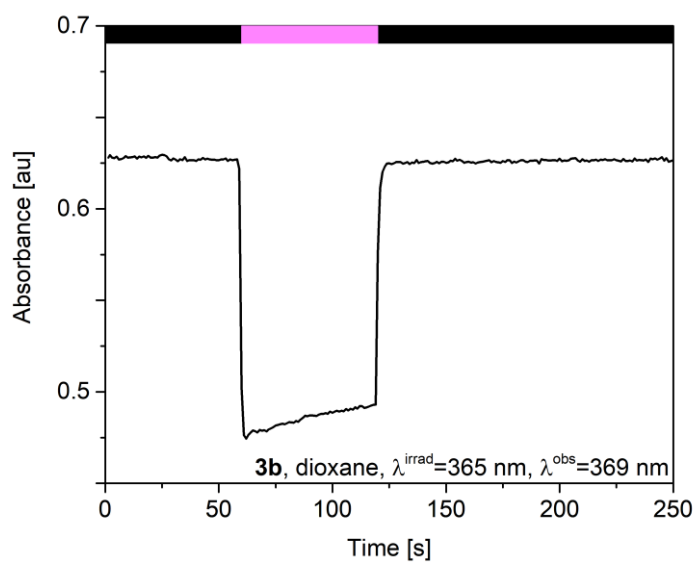


**Figure A82** Absorbance variation of **3b** in cyclohexane, irradiation with a 400 nm LED,  $\lambda^{\text{obs}}=359$  nm.

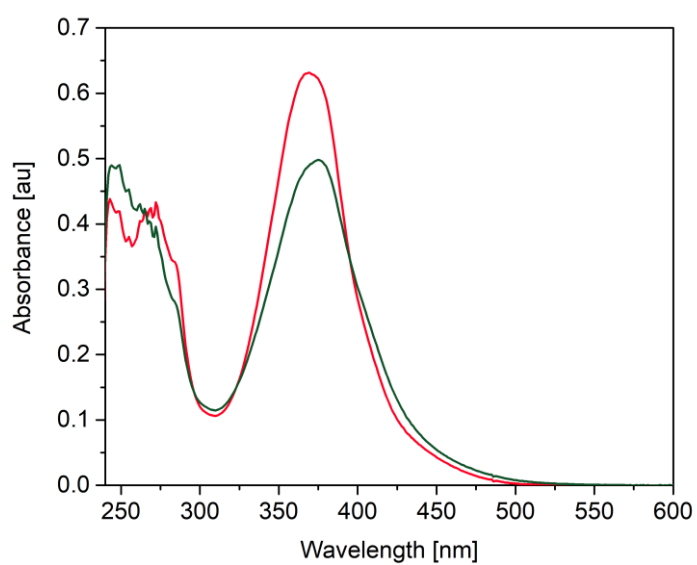


**Figure A83** UV/vis of **E-3b** in cyclohexane (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 400 nm LED.

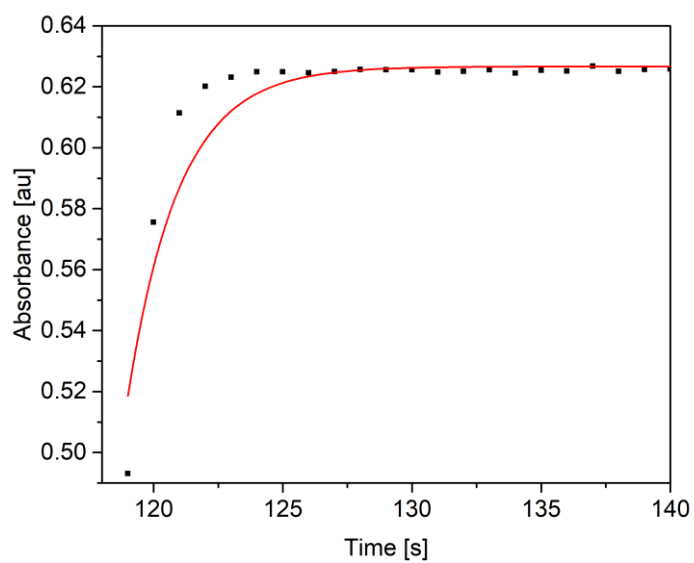
## Dioxane



**Figure A84** Absorbance variation of **3b** in dioxane, irradiation with a 365 nm LED,  $\lambda_{\text{obs}}=369\text{ nm}$ .



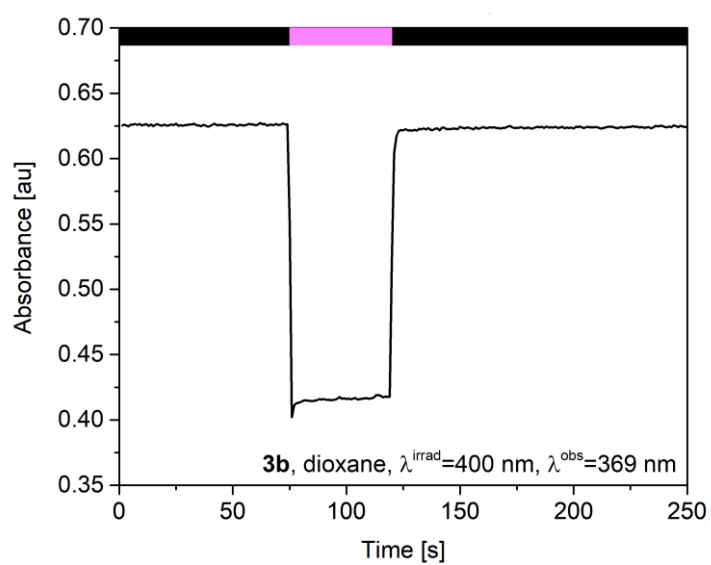
**Figure A85** UV/vis of **E-3b** in dioxane (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 365 nm LED.



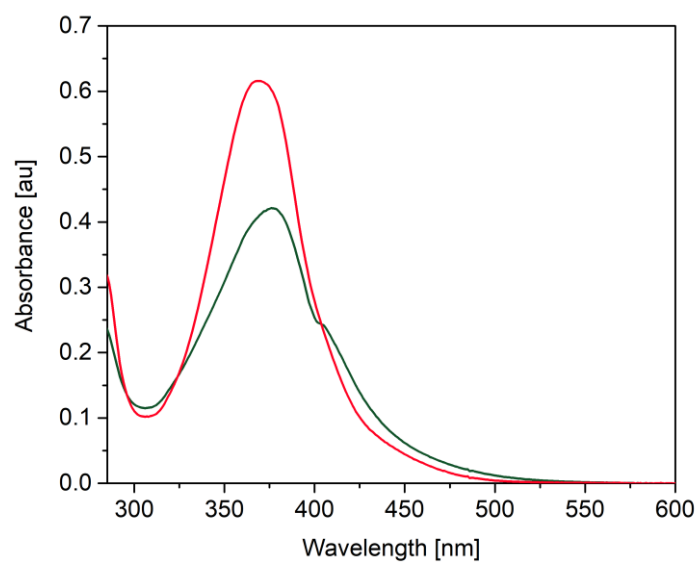
**Figure A86** PSS-to-*E* kinetic of **3b** in dioxane, irradiation with 365 nm LED,  $\lambda^{\text{obs}}$ =369 nm.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.62666 \pm 2.56962\text{E-}4$
A1	$-7.5447\text{E}24 \pm 2.36983\text{E}25$
$\tau$	$1.99975 \pm 0.10506$
R-Square(COD)	0.89957
Adj. R-Square	0.89845

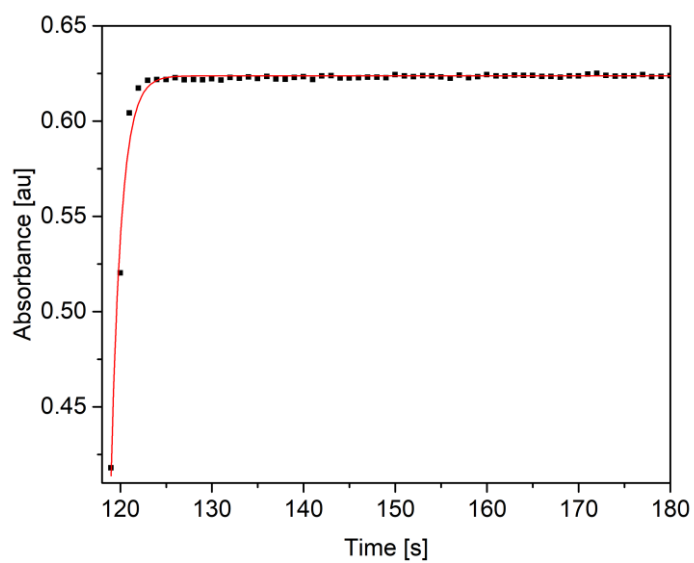
**Table A39** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A86.



**Figure A87** Absorbance variation of **3b** in dioxane, irradiation with a 400 nm LED,  $\lambda_{\text{obs}}=369$  nm.



**Figure A88** UV/vis of **E-3b** in dioxane (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 400 nm LED.



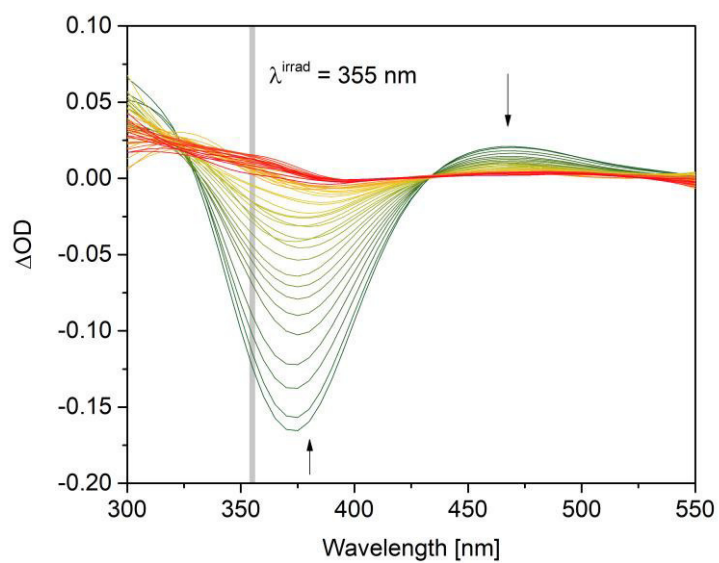
**Figure A89** PSS-to-*E* kinetic of **3b** in dioxane, irradiation with 400 nm LED,  $\lambda^{\text{obs}}$ =369 nm.

Equation	$y = \Lambda1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.62443 \pm 5.17491\text{E-}4$
$\Lambda1$	$-8.46096\text{E}25 \pm 2.8789\text{E}26$
$\tau$	$1.9373 \pm 0.10684$
R-Square(COD)	0.91866
Adj. R-Square	0.9174

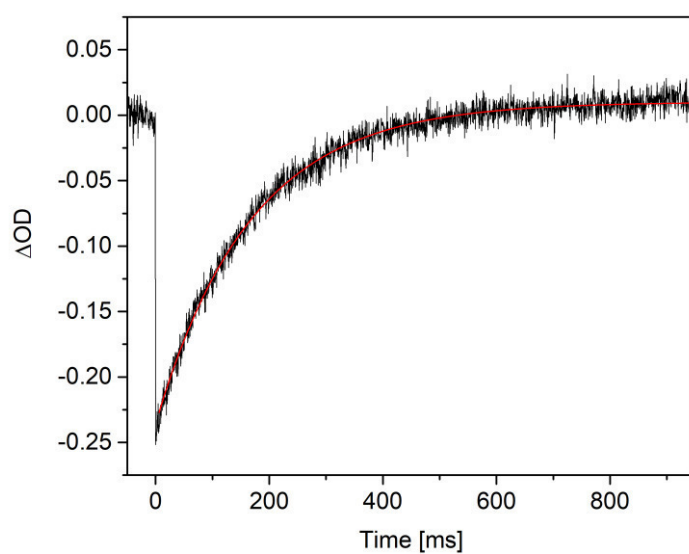
**Table A40** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A89.



## Benzene



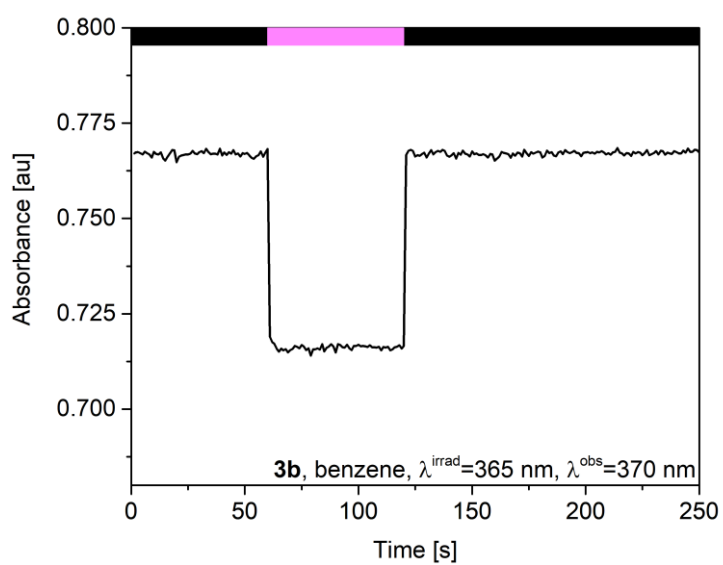
**Figure A90** Transient signal map for **3b** in benzene.



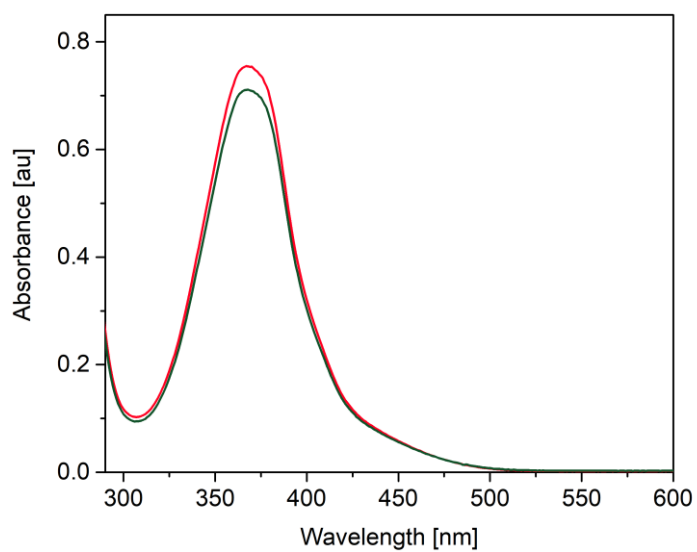
**Figure A91** Transient signal detected at 370 nm for **3b** in benzene.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.01016 \pm 2.80694E-4$
A1	$-0.24583 \pm 8.15417E-4$
$\tau$	$166.86256 \pm 1.06959$
R-Square(COD)	0.98532
Adj. R-Square	0.9853

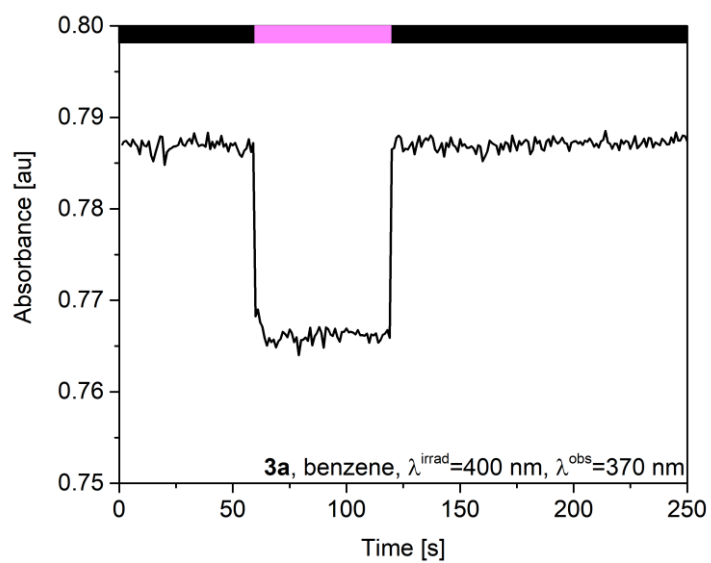
**Table A41** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A91.



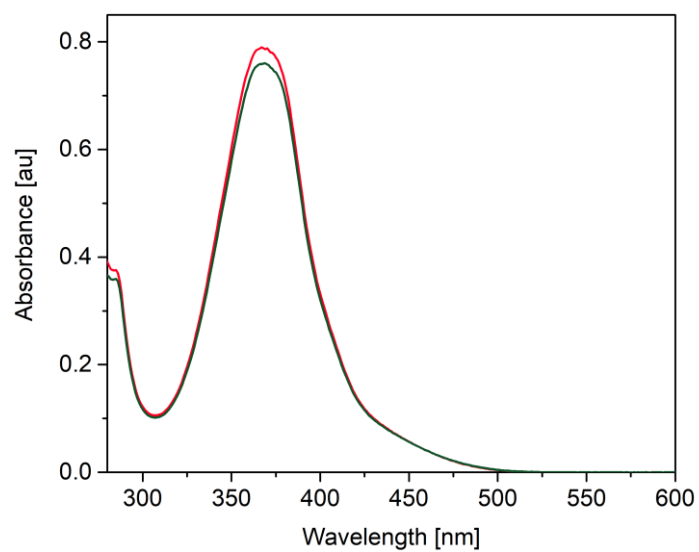
**Figure A92** Absorbance variation of **3b** in benzene, irradiation with a 365 nm LED,  $\lambda^{\text{obs}}=370$  nm.



**Figure A93** UV/vis of **E-3b** in benzene (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 365 nm LED.

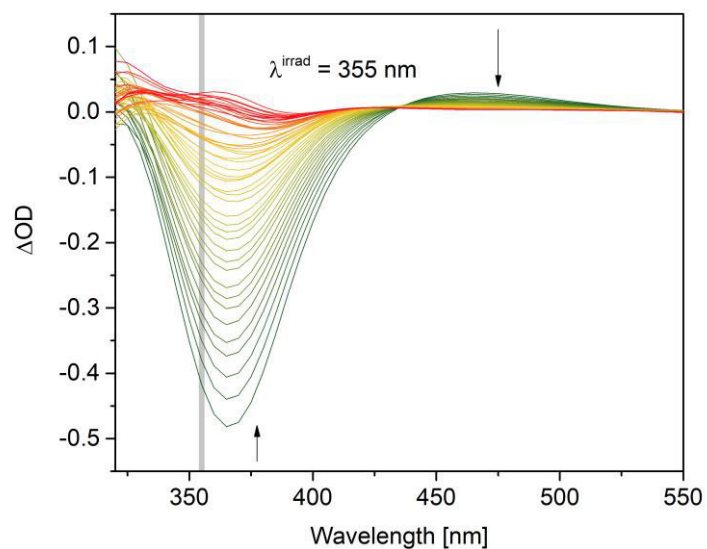


**Figure A94** Absorbance variation of **3b** in benzene, irradiation with a 400 nm LED,  $\lambda^{\text{obs}}=370$  nm.

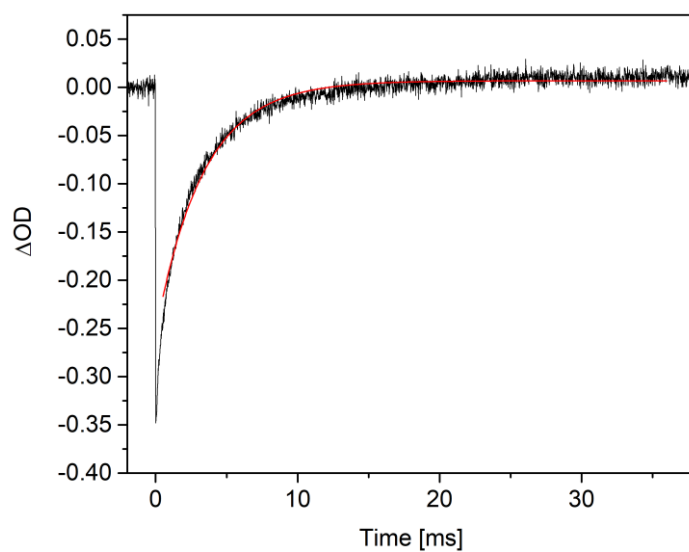


**Figure A95** UV/vis of **E-3b** in benzene (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 400 nm LED.

## Mesitylene



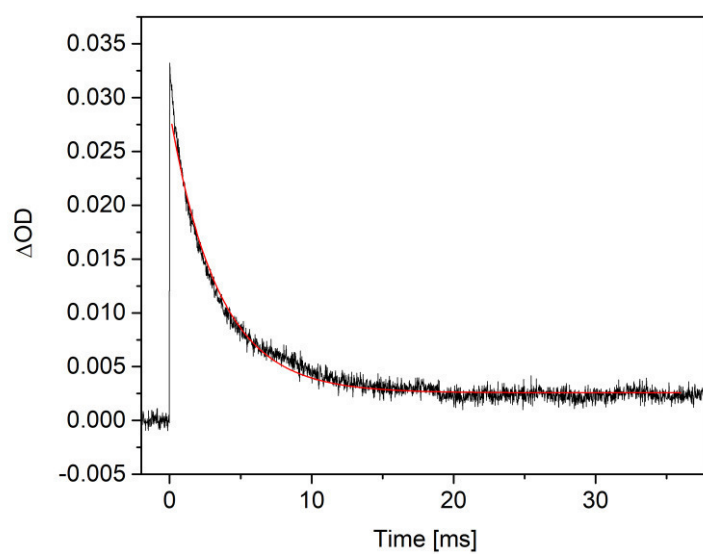
**Figure A96** Transient signal map for **3b** in mesitylene.



**Figure A97** Transient signal detected at 365 nm for **3b** in mesitylene.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00688 \pm 2.02732E-4$
A1	$-0.261 \pm 0.00142$
$\tau$	$3.34546 \pm 0.02511$
R-Square(COD)	0.97694
Adj. R-Square	0.97691

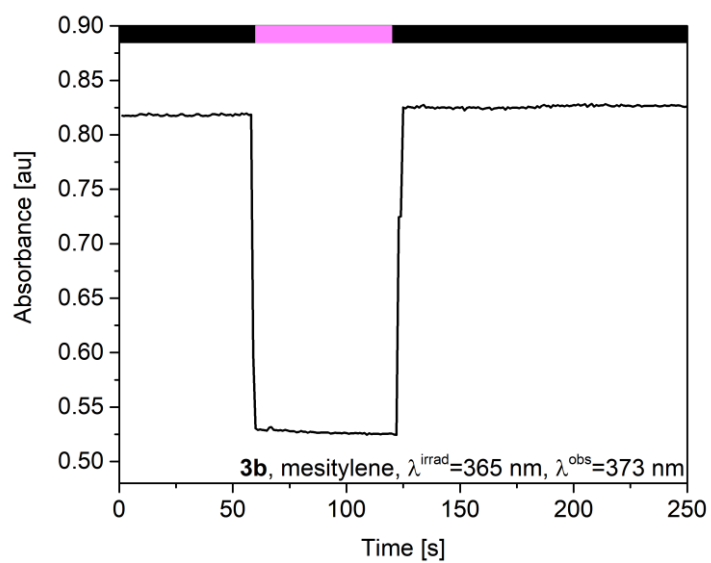
**Table A42** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A97.



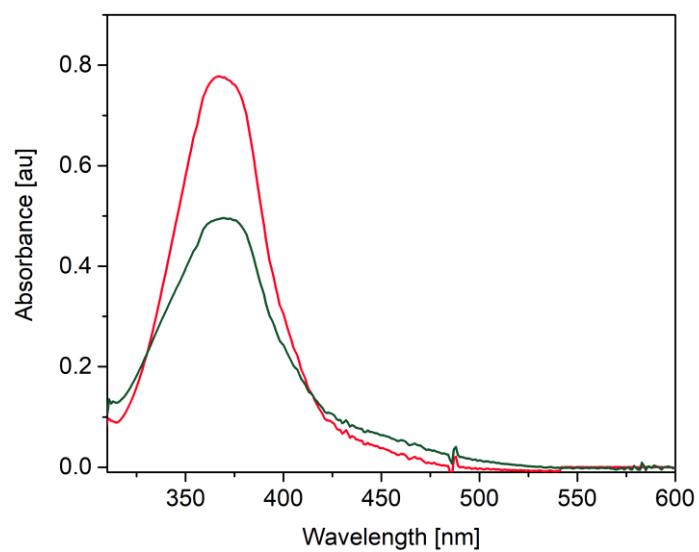
**Figure A98** Transient signal detected at 465 nm for **3b** in mesitylene.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00257 \pm 1.9344\text{E-}5$
A1	$0.02614 \pm 1.08164\text{E-}4$
$\tau$	$3.39945 \pm 0.02173$
R-Square(COD)	0.98301
Adj. R-Square	0.98299

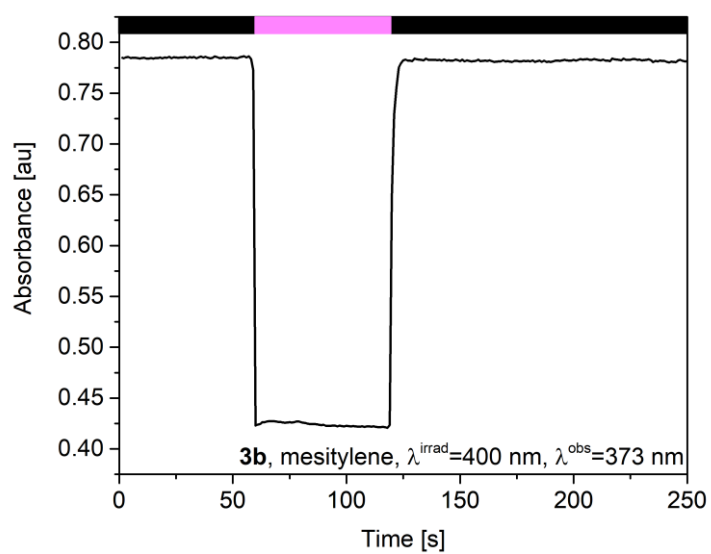
**Table A43** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A98.



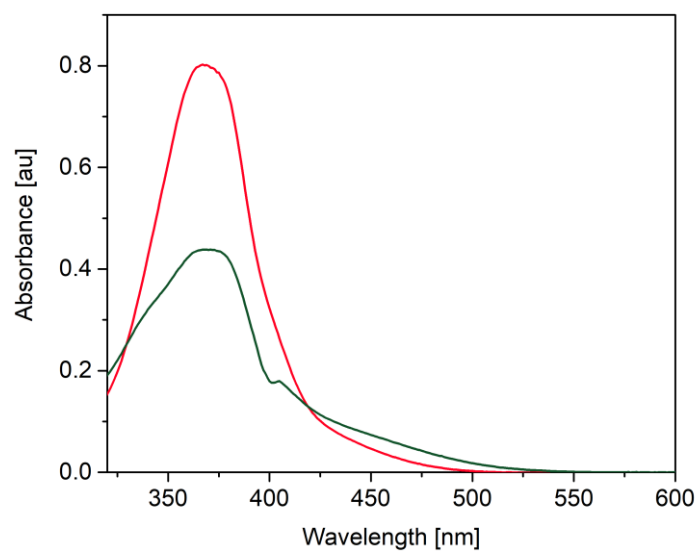
**Figure A99** Absorbance variation of **3b** in mesitylene, irradiation with a 365 nm LED,  $\lambda_{\text{obs}}=373$  nm.



**Figure A100** UV/vis of **E-3b** in mesitylene (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 365 nm LED.

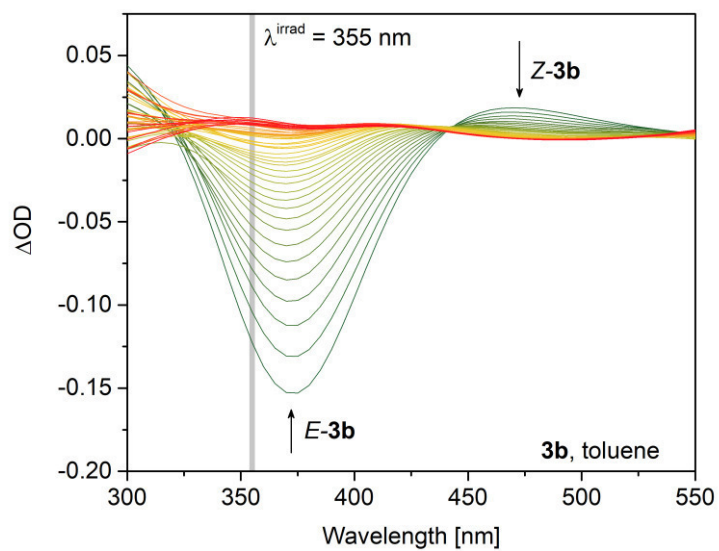


**Figure A101** Absorbance variation of **3b** in mesitylene, irradiation with a 400 nm LED,  $\lambda^{\text{obs}}=373$  nm.

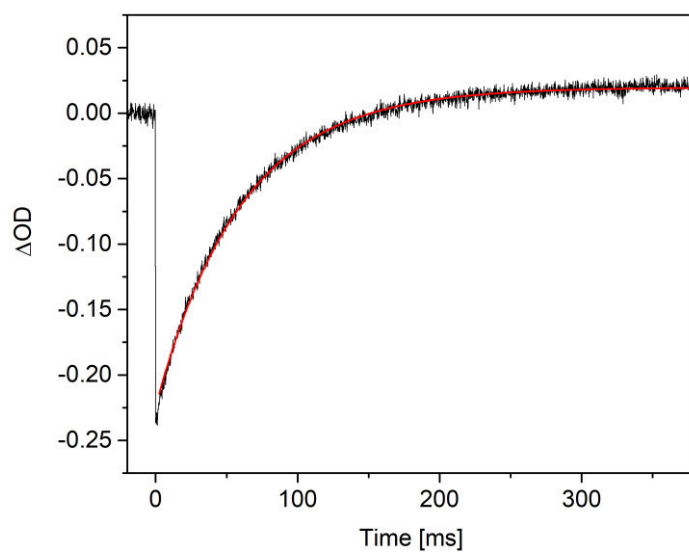


**Figure A102** UV/vis of **E-3b** in mesitylene (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 400 nm LED.

## Toluene



**Figure A103** Transient signal map for **3b** in toluene.

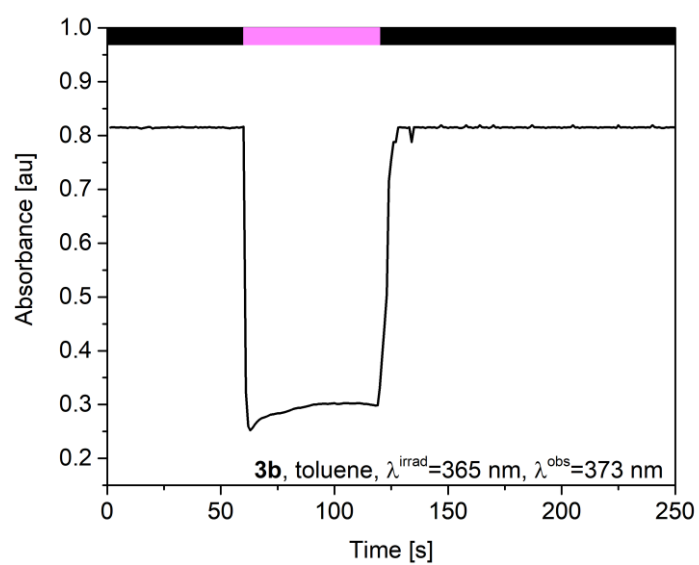


**Figure A104** Transient signal detected at 370 nm for **3b** in toluene.

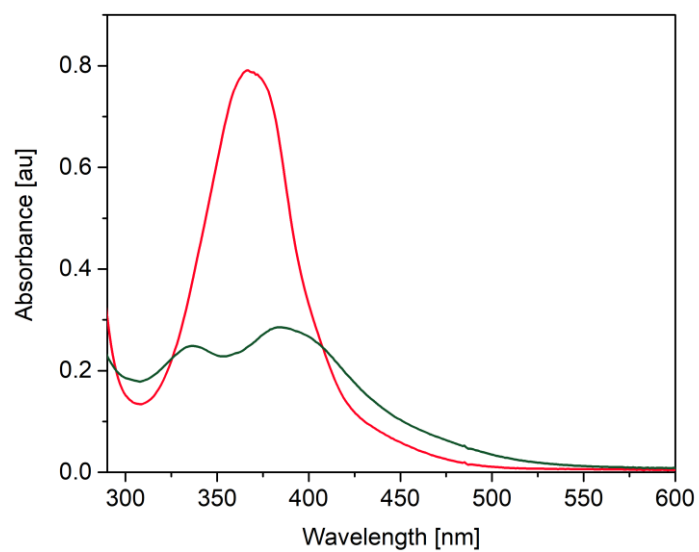
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.01974 \pm 1.3165E-4$
A1	$-0.24378 \pm 4.38331E-4$
$\tau$	$60.23915 \pm 0.19773$
R-Square(COD)	0.99588
Adj. R-Square	0.99588

**Table A44** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A104.

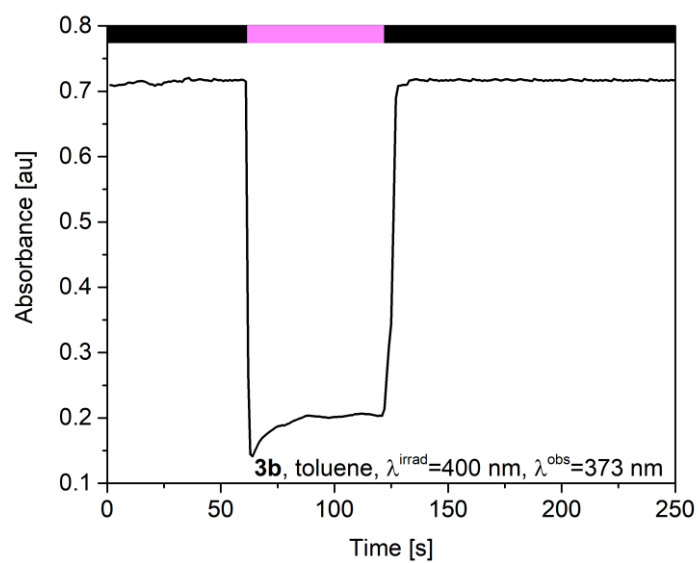




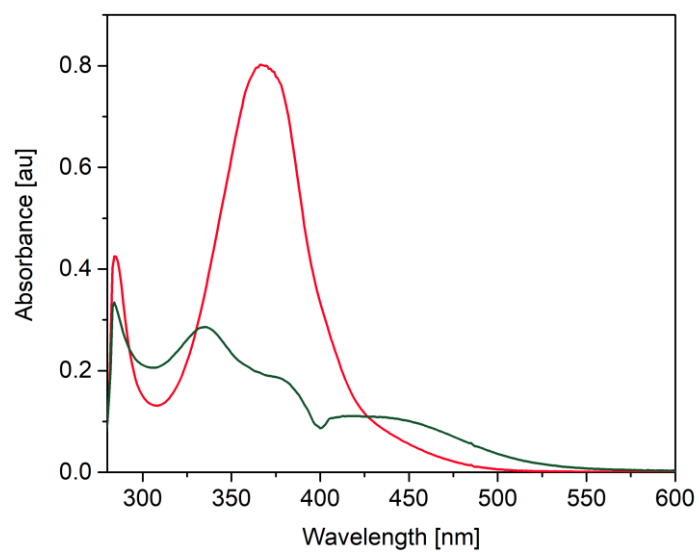
**Figure A105** Absorbance variation of **3b** in toluene, irradiation with a 365 nm LED,  $\lambda^{\text{obs}}=373$  nm.



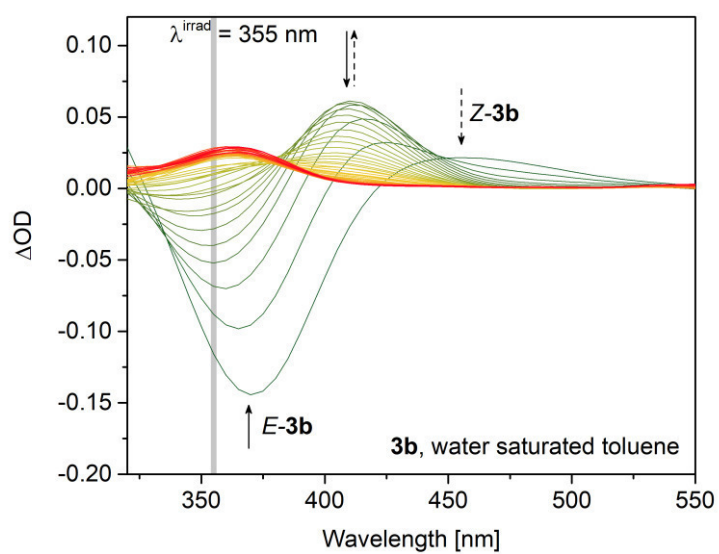
**Figure A106** UV/vis of **E-3b** in toluene (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 365 nm LED.



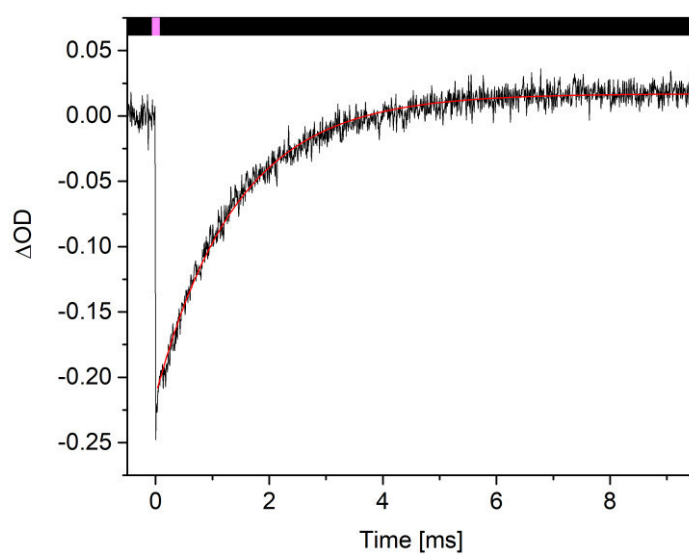
**Figure A107** Absorbance variation of **3b** in toluene, irradiation with a 365 nm LED,  $\lambda_{\text{obs}}=400$  nm.



**Figure A108** UV/vis of **E-3b** in toluene (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 400 nm LED.



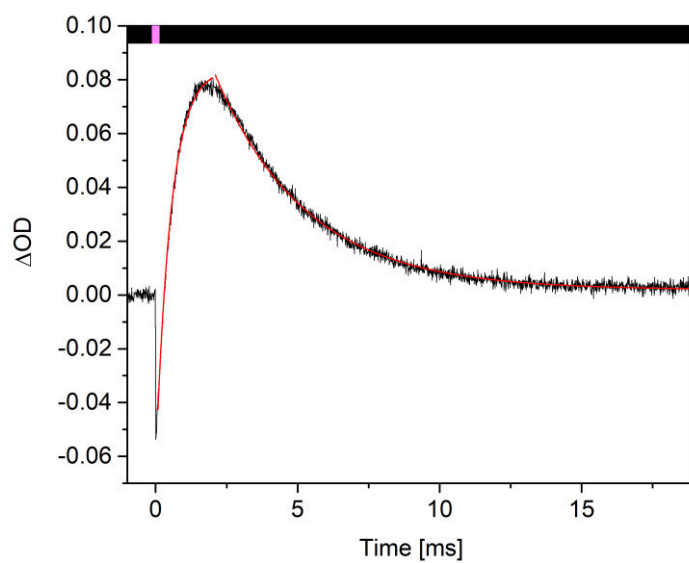
**Figure A109** Transient signal map for **3b** in aqueous toluene.



**Figure A110** Transient signal detected at 370 nm for **3b** in aqueous toluene.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.01704 \pm 3.34834E-4$
A1	$-0.23091 \pm 0.00116$
$\tau$	$1.41961 \pm 0.01287$
R-Square(COD)	0.96849
Adj. R-Square	0.96846

**Table A45** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A110.



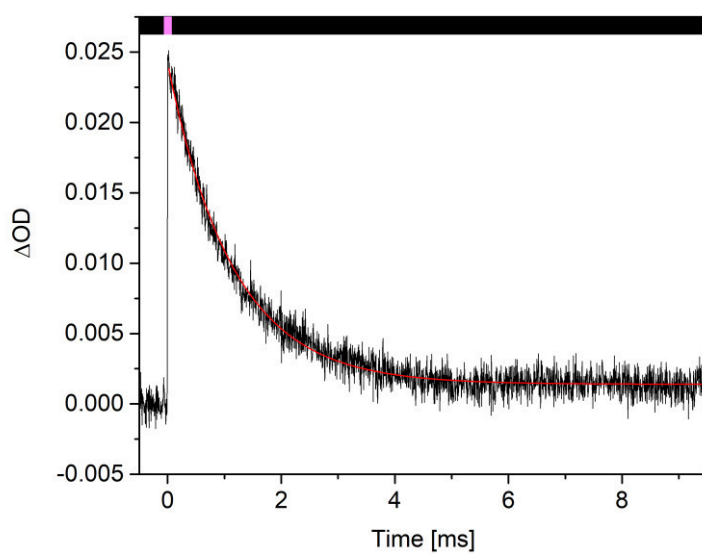
**Figure A111** Transient signal detected at 410 nm for **3b** in aqueous toluene.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.08411 \pm 4.25734E-4$
A1	$-0.14729 \pm 7.62566E-4$
$\tau$	$0.53045 \pm 0.00669$
R-Square(COD)	0.9961
Adj. R-Square	0.99606

**Table A46** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A111.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00191 \pm 7.2463E-5$
A1	$0.15382 \pm 6.95465E-4$
$\tau$	$3.20247 \pm 0.01493$
R-Square(COD)	0.9933
Adj. R-Square	0.9933

**Table A47** Fitting of the decay of the signal shown in Figure A111.

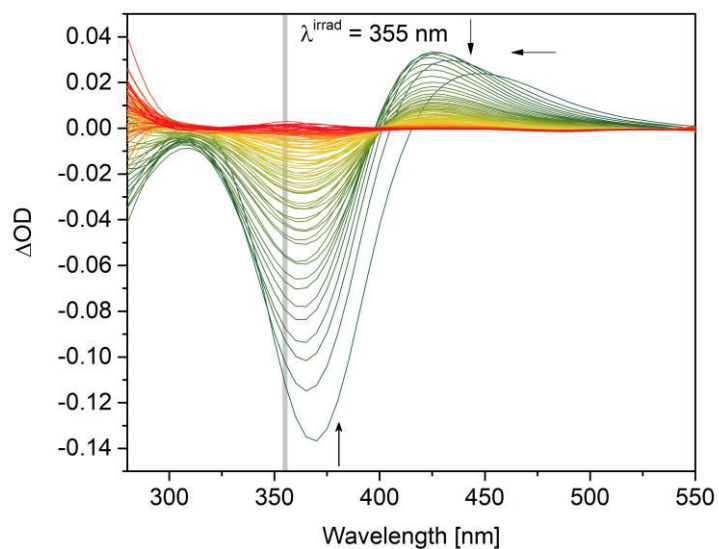


**Figure A112** Transient signal detected at 455 nm for **3b** in aqueous toluene.

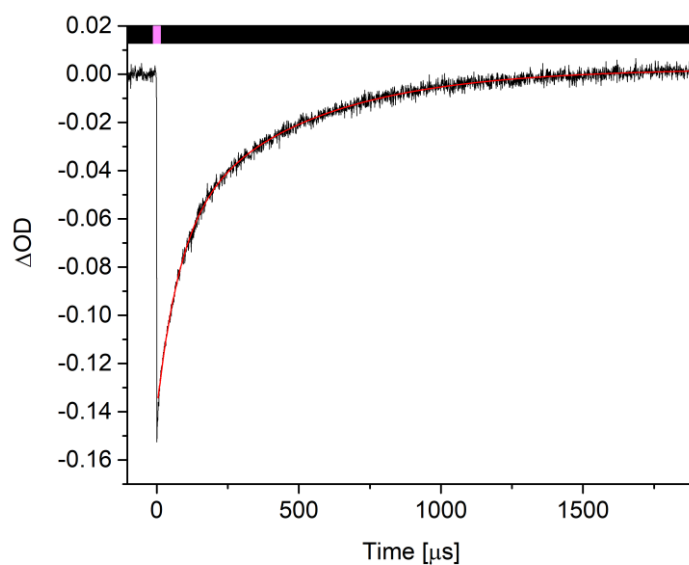
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.0014 \pm 2.64662E-5$
A1	$0.02283 \pm 1.1358E-4$
$\tau$	$1.14004 \pm 0.00954$
R-Square(COD)	0.97097
Adj. R-Square	0.97094

**Table A48** Fitting of the of the signal shown in Figure A112.

MeOH



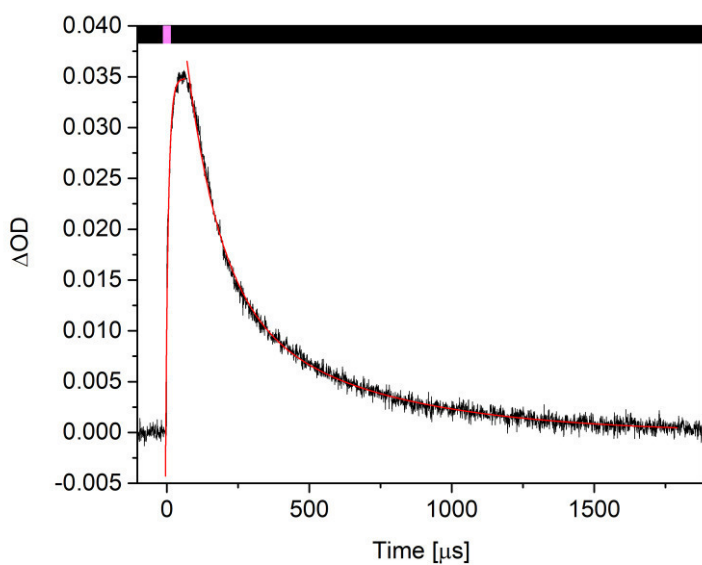
**Figure A113** Transient signal map for **3b** in MeOH.



**Figure A114** Transient signal detected at 370 nm for **3b** in MeOH.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau1) + A2 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau2) + y0$
y0	$0.00242 \pm 1.38774E-4$
A1	$-0.07249 \pm 8.68397E-4$
$\tau1$	$78.31507 \pm 1.61082$
A2	$-0.06936 \pm 8.56456E-4$
$\tau2$	$454.54435 \pm 6.73901$
R-Square(COD)	0.99475
Adj. R-Square	0.99474

**Table A49** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A114.



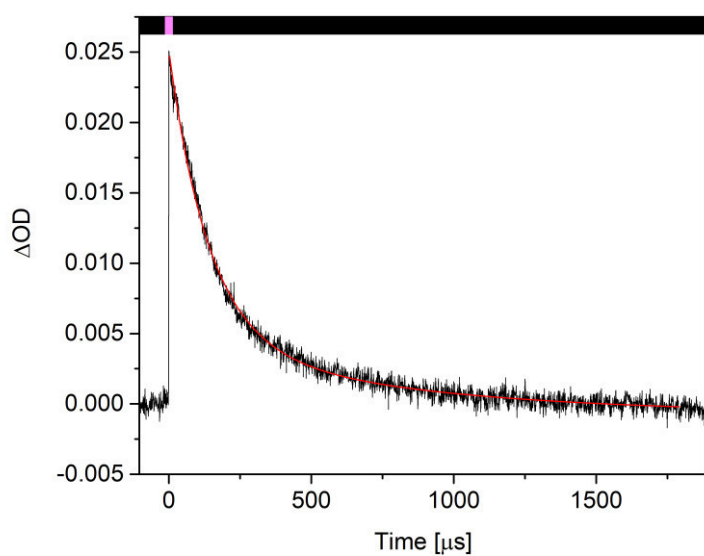
**Figure A115** Transient signal detected at 435 nm for **3b** in MeOH.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.03483 \pm 3.28579E-4$
A1	$-0.02337 \pm 6.33304E-4$
$\tau$	$9.70259 \pm 0.49635$
R-Square(COD)	0.96433
Adj. R-Square	0.96325

**Table A50** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A115.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau1) + A2 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau2) + y0$
y0	$-5.93471E-5 \pm 8.29798E-5$
A1	$0.04173 \pm 4.82366E-4$
$\tau1$	$115.87332 \pm 2.74481$
A2	$0.01598 \pm 6.01915E-4$
$\tau2$	$524.00544 \pm 20.74432$
R-Square(COD)	0.99388
Adj. R-Square	0.99387

**Table A51** Fitting of the decay of the signal shown in Figure A115.

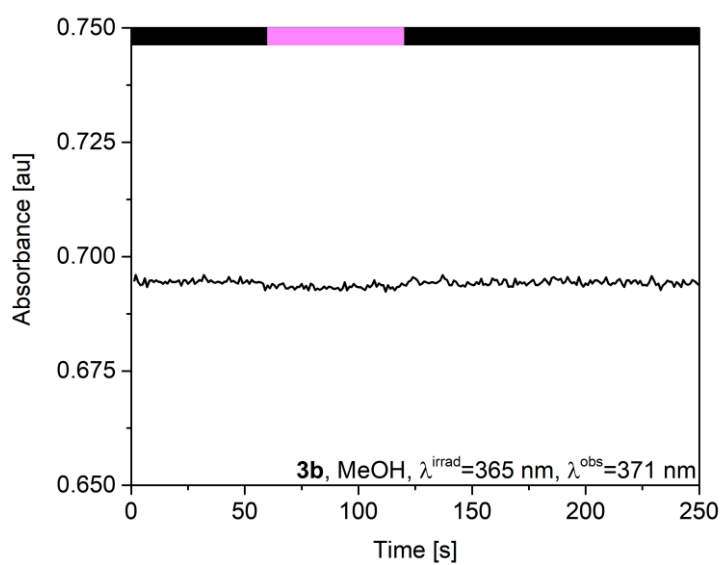


**Figure A116** Transient signal detected at 465 nm for **3b** in MeOH.

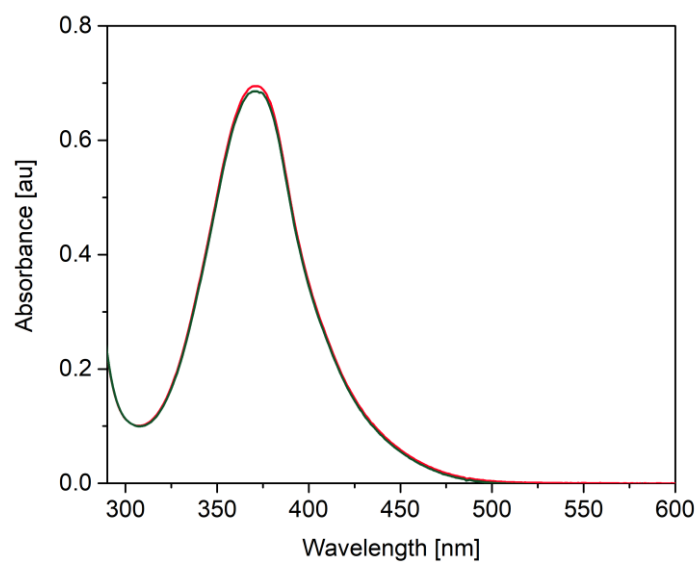
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau1) + A2 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau2) + y0$
y0	$-7.21337\text{E-}4 \pm 1.53219\text{E-}4$
A1	$0.02052 \pm 3.86966\text{E-}4$
$\tau1$	$139.81865 \pm 3.11489$
A2	$0.00536 \pm 2.93072\text{E-}4$
$\tau2$	$767.28335 \pm 94.02381$
R-Square(COD)	0.98905
Adj. R-Square	0.98902

**Table A52** Fitting of the decay of the signal shown in Figure A116.

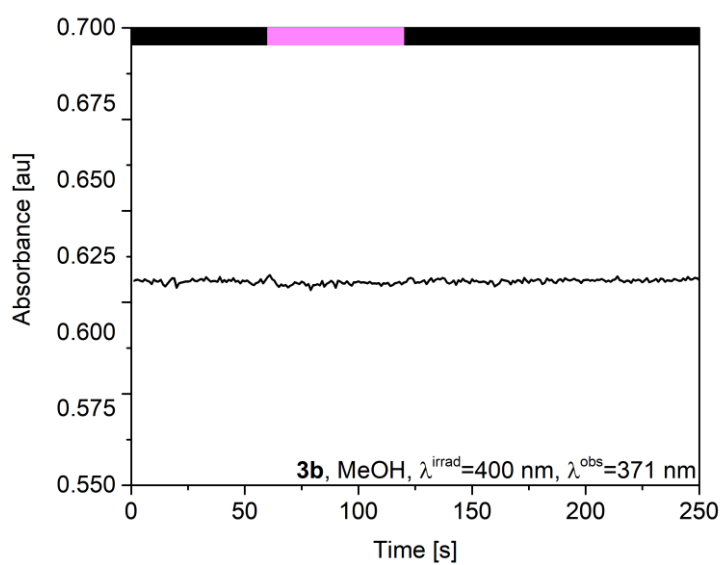




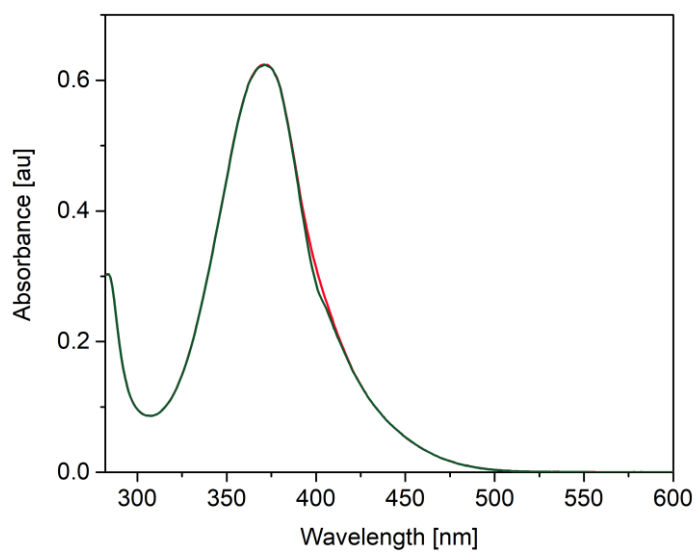
**Figure A117** Absorbance variation of **3b** in MeOH, irradiation with a 365 nm LED,  $\lambda^{\text{obs}}=371$  nm.



**Figure A118** UV/vis of *E*-**3b** in MeOH (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 365 nm LED.

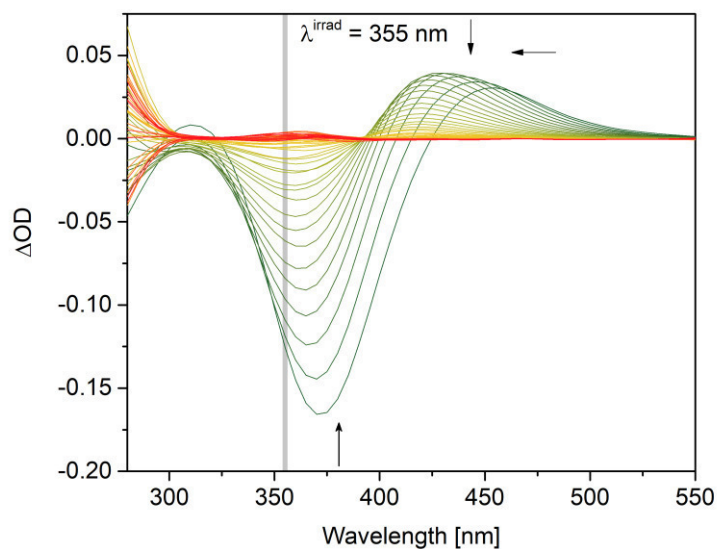


**Figure A119** Absorbance variation of **3b** in MeOH, irradiation with a 400 nm LED,  $\lambda^{\text{obs}}$ =371 nm.

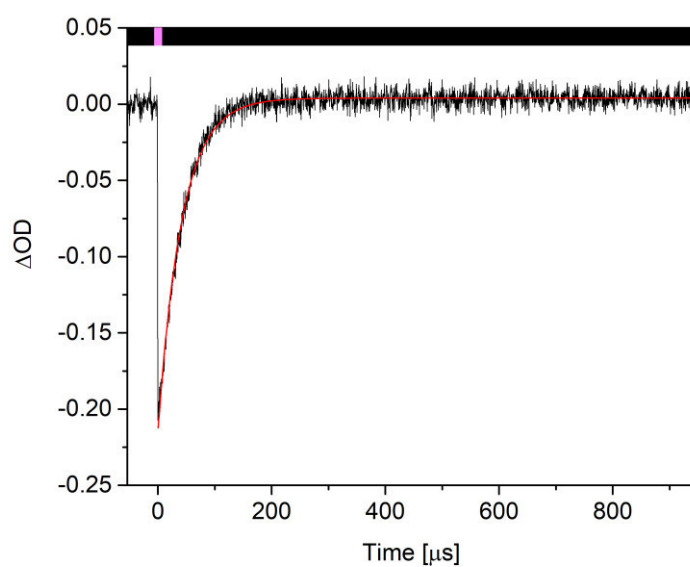


**Figure A120** UV/vis of *E*-**3b** in MeOH (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 400 nm LED.

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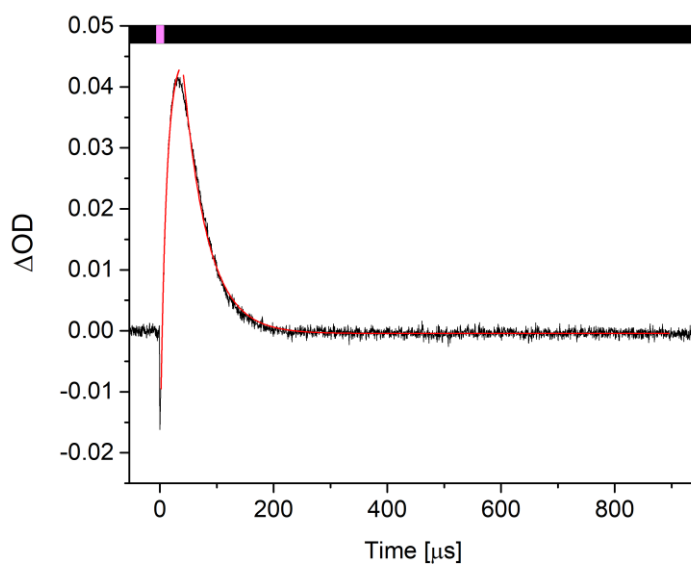
**Figure A121** Transient signal map for **3b** in MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O 9:1.



**Figure A122** Transient signal detected at 370 nm for **3b** in MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O 9:1.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00401 \pm 1.28297E-4$
A1	$-0.21888 \pm 0.00112$
$\tau$	$41.85969 \pm 0.31679$
R-Square(COD)	0.97392
Adj. R-Square	0.97389

**Table A53** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A122.



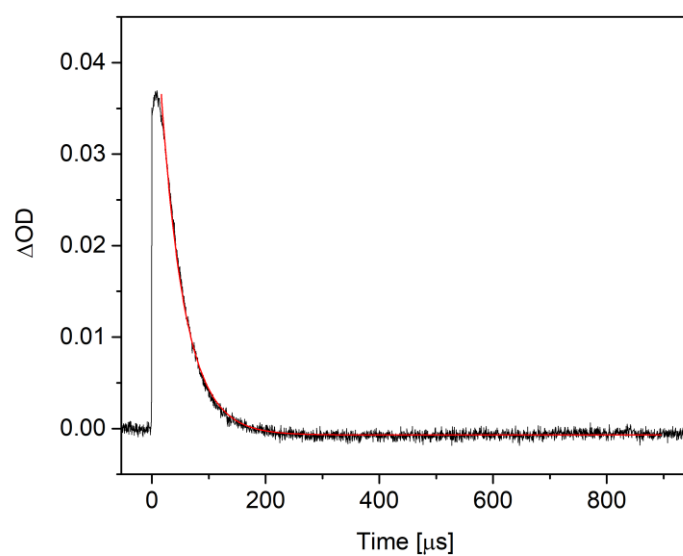
**Figure A123** Transient signal detected at 420 nm for **3b** in MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O 9:1.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.04546 \pm 4.00564E-4$
A1	$-0.06655 \pm 5.48822E-4$
$\tau$	$10.47096 \pm 0.24499$
R-Square(COD)	0.99649
Adj. R-Square	0.99637

**Table A54** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A123.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$-4.33514E-4 \pm 1.81469E-5$
A1	$0.11198 \pm 8.56481E-4$
$\tau$	$42.68898 \pm 0.21829$
R-Square(COD)	0.98911
Adj. R-Square	0.98909

**Table A55** Fitting of the decay of the signal shown in Figure A123.

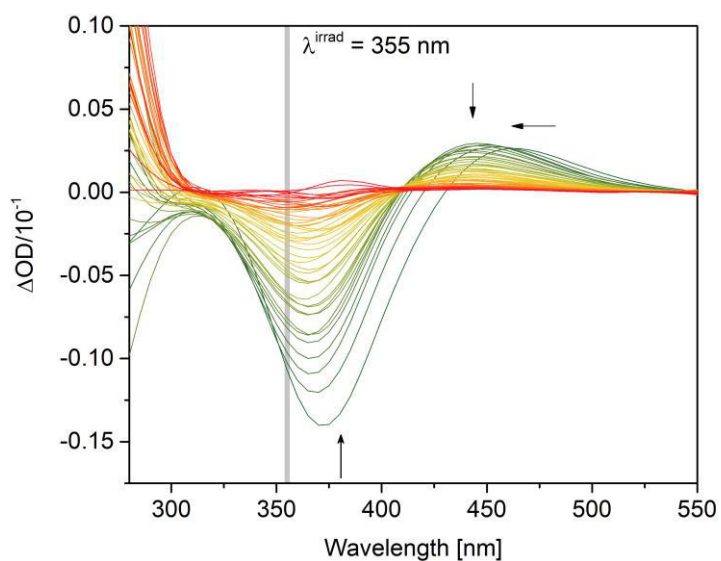


**Figure A124** Transient signal detected at 450 nm for **3b** in MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O 9:1.

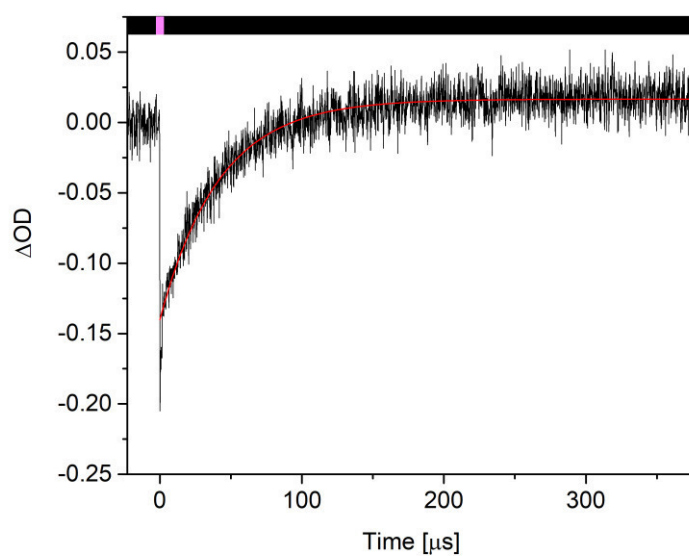
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$-7.0269\text{E-}4 \pm 1.15272\text{E-}5$
A1	$0.05532 \pm 2.0506\text{E-}4$
$\tau$	$41.6676 \pm 0.15854$
R-Square(COD)	0.99375
Adj. R-Square	0.99375

**Table A56** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A124.

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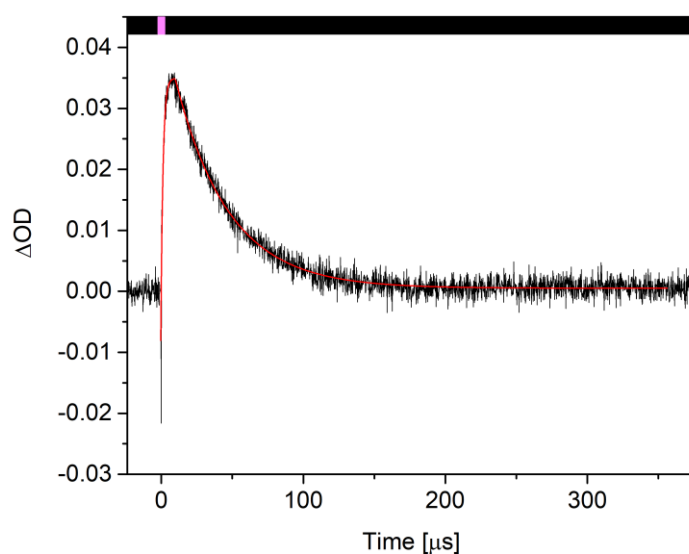
**Figure A125** Transient signal map for **3b** in MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O 1:1.



**Figure A126** Transient signal detected at 370 nm for **3b** in MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O 1:1.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.01659 \pm 3.55252E-4$
A1	$-0.15671 \pm 0.0016$
$\tau$	$41.41825 \pm 0.70536$
R-Square(COD)	0.88842
Adj. R-Square	0.8883

**Table A57** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A126.



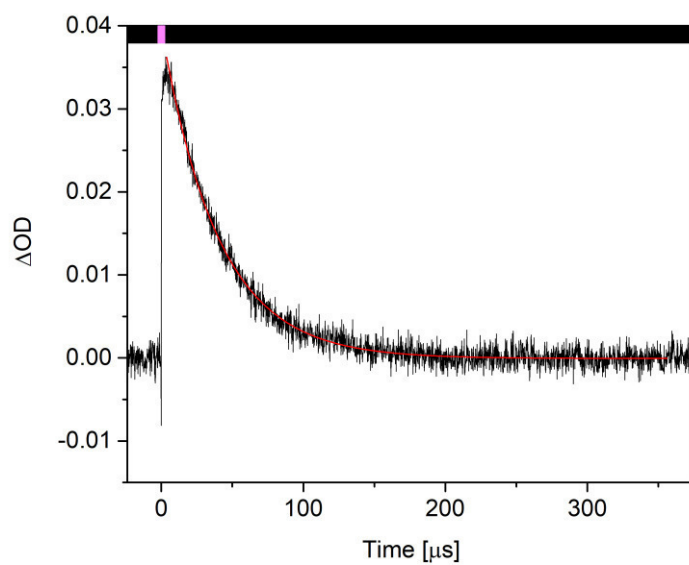
**Figure A127** Transient signal detected at 440 nm for **3b** in MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O 1:1.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.03495 \pm 8.83047E-4$
A1	$-0.03306 \pm 0.00176$
$\tau$	$1.52324 \pm 0.17794$
R-Square(COD)	0.88297
Adj. R-Square	0.87799

**Table A58** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A127.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$5.13411E-4 \pm 4.23198E-5$
A1	$0.04459 \pm 3.31698E-4$
$\tau$	$37.44588 \pm 0.35261$
R-Square(COD)	0.96575
Adj. R-Square	0.96572

**Table A59** Fitting of the decay of the signal shown in Figure A127.



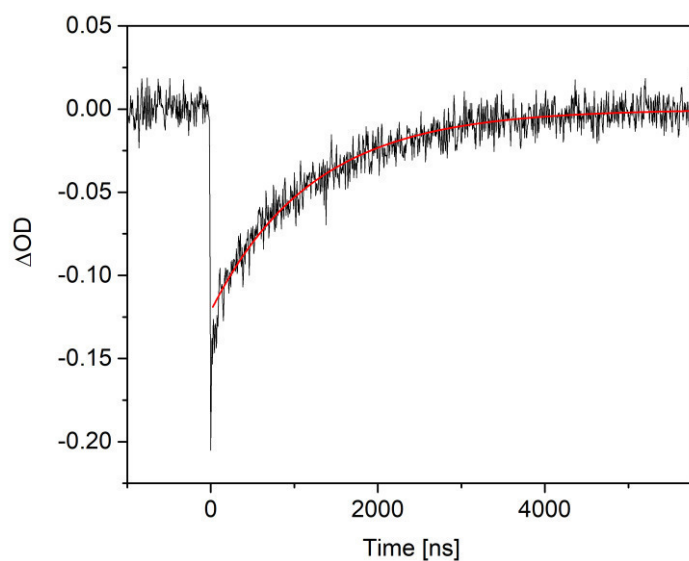
**Figure A128** Transient signal detected at 450 nm for **3b** in MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O 1:1.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$-6.33017\text{E-}5 \pm 3.54999\text{E-}5$
A1	$0.03991 \pm 1.891\text{E-}4$
$\tau$	$39.81169 \pm 0.28785$
R-Square(COD)	0.97935
Adj. R-Square	0.97932

**Table A60** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A128



MeOH - buffered H<sub>2</sub>O (pH=4) 1:1

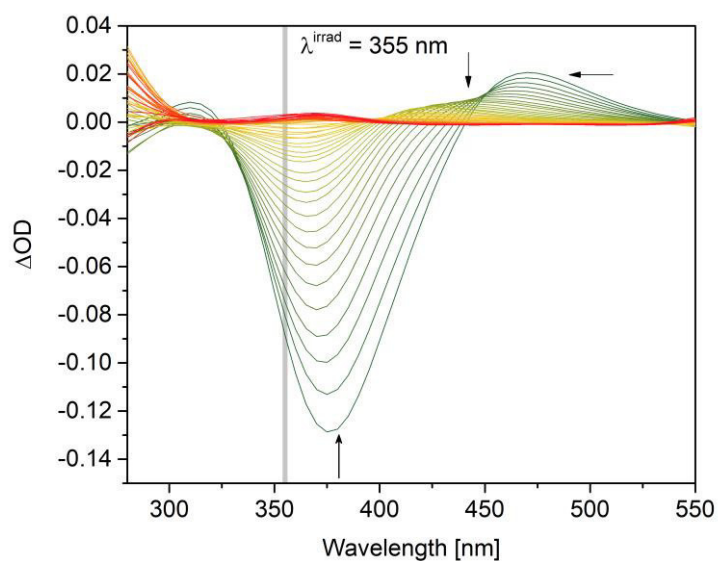


**Figure A129** Transient signal detected at 370 nm for **3b** in MeOH-buffered H<sub>2</sub>O (pH=4) 1:1.

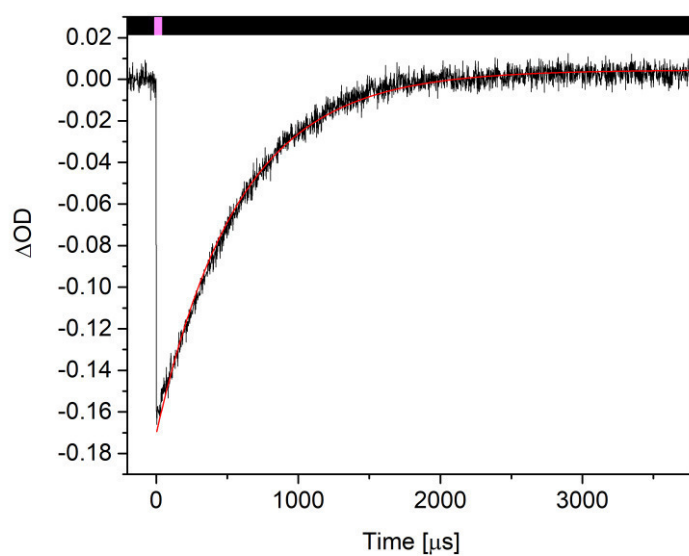
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$-6.33017E-5 \pm 3.54999E-5$
A1	$0.03991 \pm 1.891E-4$
$\tau$	$39.81169 \pm 0.28785$
R-Square(COD)	0.97935
Adj. R-Square	0.97932

**Table A61** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A129.

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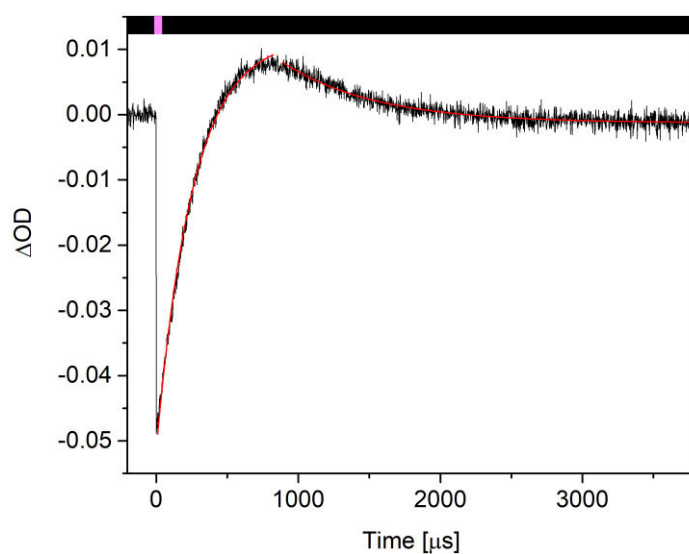
**Figure A130** Transient signal map for **3b** in MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O 1:2.



**Figure A131** Transient signal detected at 375 nm for **3b** in MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O 1:2.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00447 \pm 1.36646E-4$
A1	$-0.17507 \pm 4.52332E-4$
$\tau$	$574.43952 \pm 2.7365$
R-Square(COD)	0.99112
Adj. R-Square	0.99111

**Table A62** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A131.



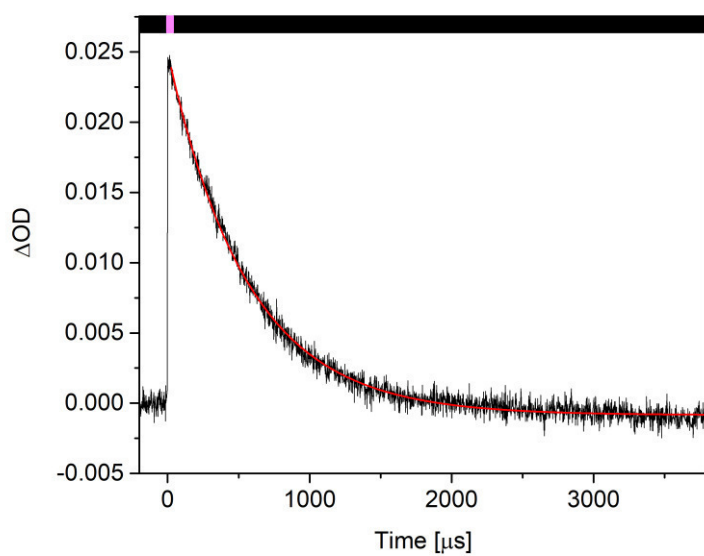
**Figure A132** Transient signal detected at 420 nm for **3b** in MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O 1:2.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.01168 \pm 1.84683E-4$
A1	$-0.06305 \pm 2.1826E-4$
$\tau$	$255.41296 \pm 2.63815$
R-Square(COD)	0.99521
Adj. R-Square	0.99519

**Table A63** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A132.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$-0.00126 \pm 5.35427E-5$
A1	$0.03657 \pm 0.00149$
$\tau$	$650.26317 \pm 16.84683$
R-Square(COD)	0.86425
Adj. R-Square	0.86407

**Table A64** Fitting of the decay of the signal shown in Figure A132.

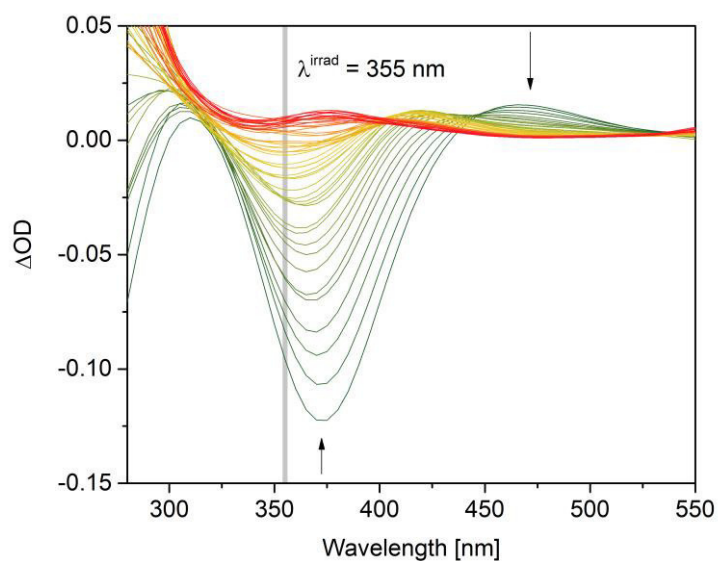


**Figure A133** Transient signal detected at 470 nm for **3b** in MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O 1:2.

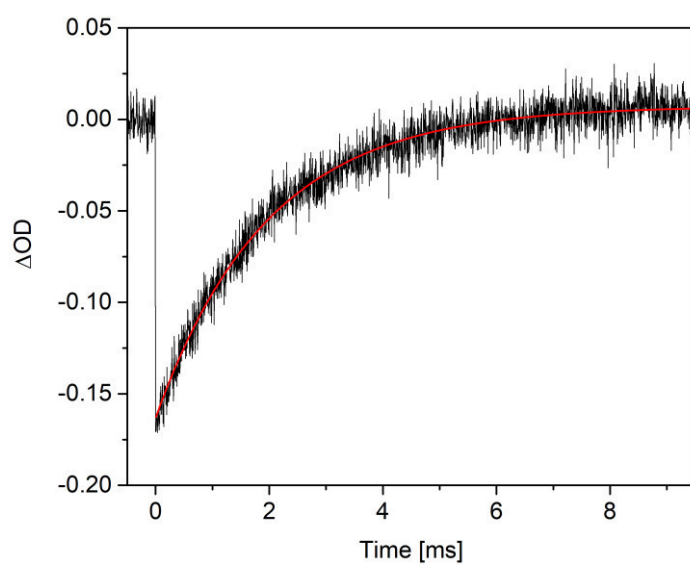
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$-8.44099\text{E-}4 \pm 1.95972\text{E-}5$
A1	$0.02581 \pm 7.12636\text{E-}5$
$\tau$	$560.58025 \pm 2.72926$
R-Square(COD)	0.9907
Adj. R-Square	0.99069

**Table A65** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A133.

MeCN



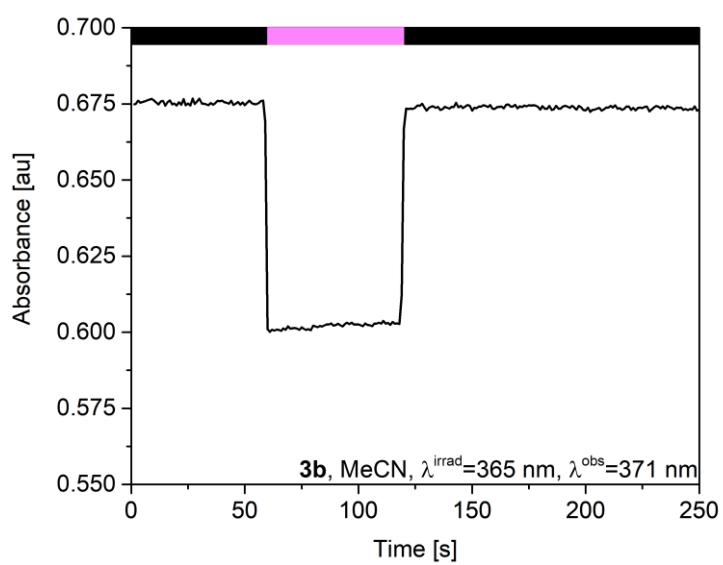
**Figure A134** Transient signal map for **3b** in MeCN.



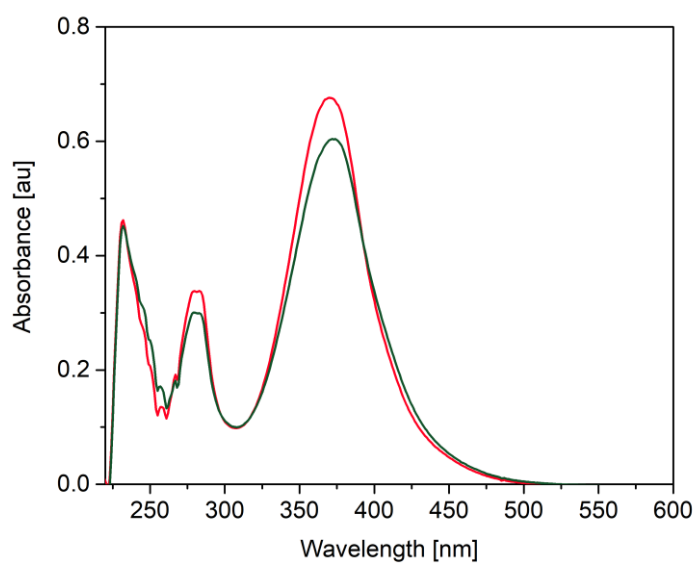
**Figure A135** Transient signal detected at 370 nm for **3b** in MeCN.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.0073 \pm 3.81747E-4$
A1	$-0.17039 \pm 8.34589E-4$
$\tau$	$1.96155 \pm 0.02115$
R-Square(COD)	0.9634
Adj. R-Square	0.96336

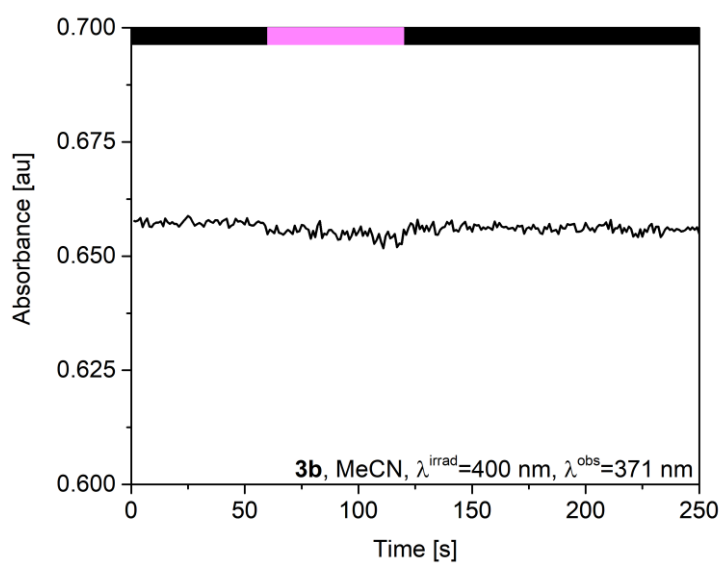
**Table A66** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A135.



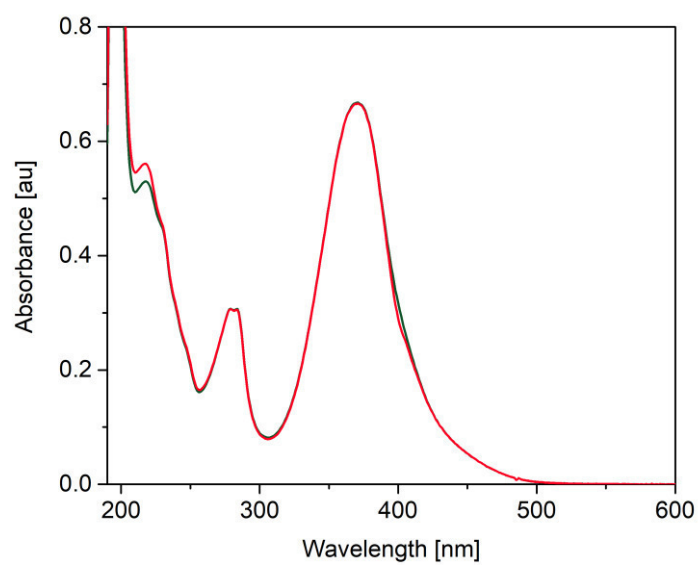
**Figure A136** Absorbance variation of **3b** in MeCN, irradiation with a 365 nm LED,  $\lambda_{\text{obs}}=371 \text{ nm}$ .



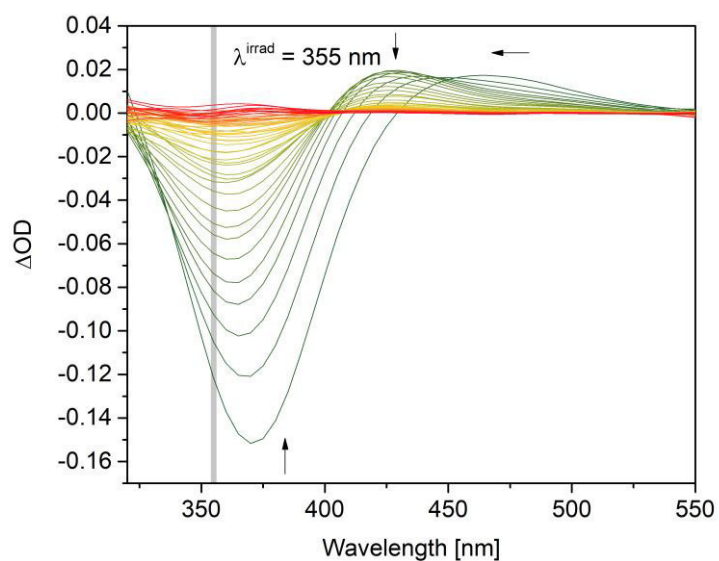
**Figure A137** UV/vis of **E-3b** in MeCN (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 365 nm LED.



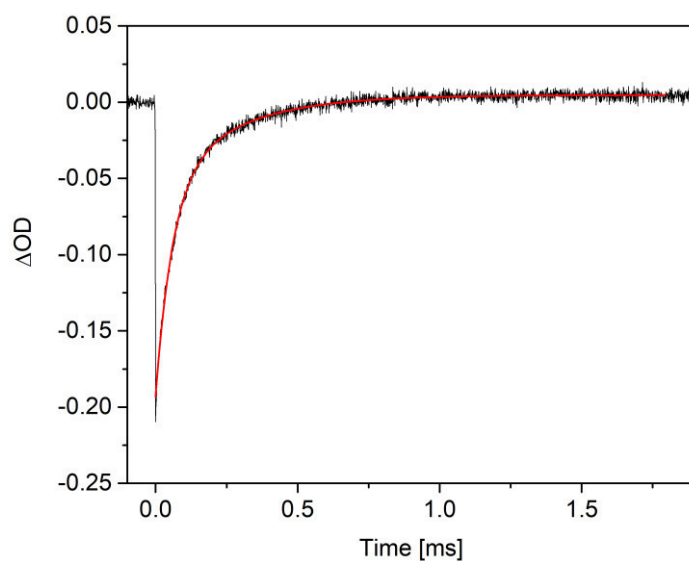
**Figure A138** Absorbance variation of **3b** in MeCN, irradiation with a 400 nm LED,  $\lambda_{\text{obs}}=371$  nm.



**Figure A139** UV/vis of **E-3b** in MeCN (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 400 nm LED.



**Figure A140** Transient signal map for **3b** in MeCN-H<sub>2</sub>O 95:5.

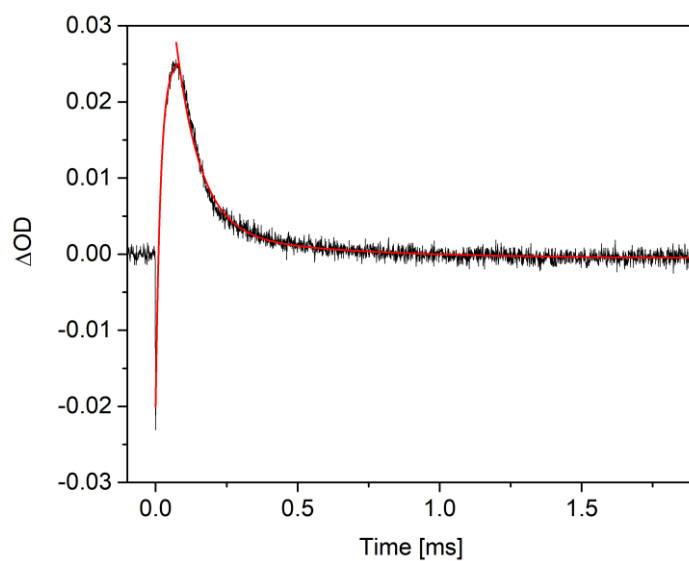


**Figure A141** Transient signal detected at 370 nm for **3b** in MeCN-H<sub>2</sub>O 95:5.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau1) + A2 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau2) + y0$
y0	$0.00469 \pm 1.07451E-4$
A1	$-0.1352 \pm 0.00196$
$\tau1$	$0.05929 \pm 0.00114$
A2	$-0.0627 \pm 0.00208$
$\tau2$	$0.25631 \pm 0.00644$
R-Square(COD)	0.99253
Adj. R-Square	0.99252

**Table A67** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A141.





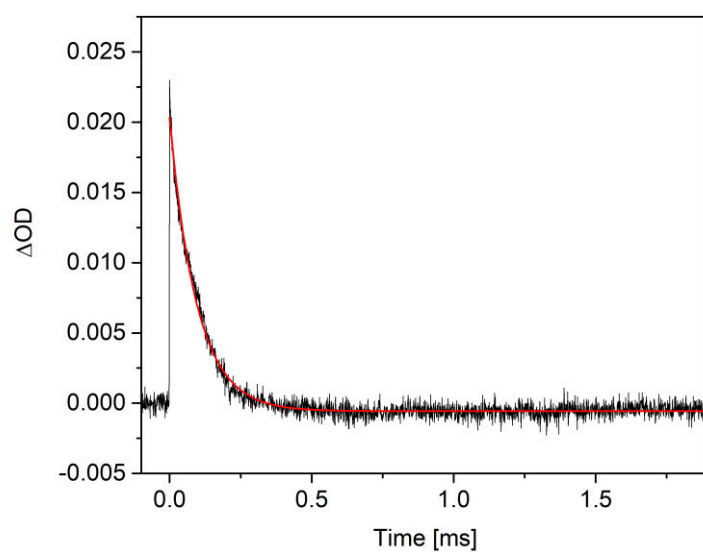
**Figure A142** Transient signal detected at 420 nm for **3b** in MeCN-H<sub>2</sub>O 95:5.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.02548 \pm 1.98674E-4$
A1	$-0.04554 \pm 3.83935E-4$
$\tau$	$0.01755 \pm 3.44587E-4$
R-Square(COD)	0.99504
Adj. R-Square	0.99491

**Table A68** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A142.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau1) + A2 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau2) + y0$
y0	$-5.73982E-4 \pm 7.4209E-5$
A1	$0.05851 \pm 8.69393E-4$
$\tau1$	$0.08532 \pm 0.00195$
A2	$0.00405 \pm 4.60652E-4$
$\tau2$	$0.50412 \pm 0.0673$
R-Square(COD)	0.97176
Adj. R-Square	0.9717

**Table A69** Fitting of the decay of the signal shown in Figure A142.

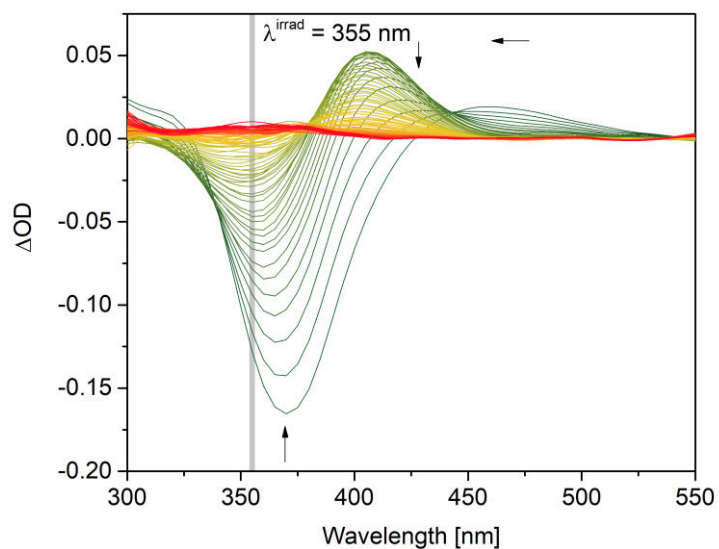


**Figure A143** Transient signal detected at 460 nm for **3b** in MeCN-H<sub>2</sub>O 95:5.

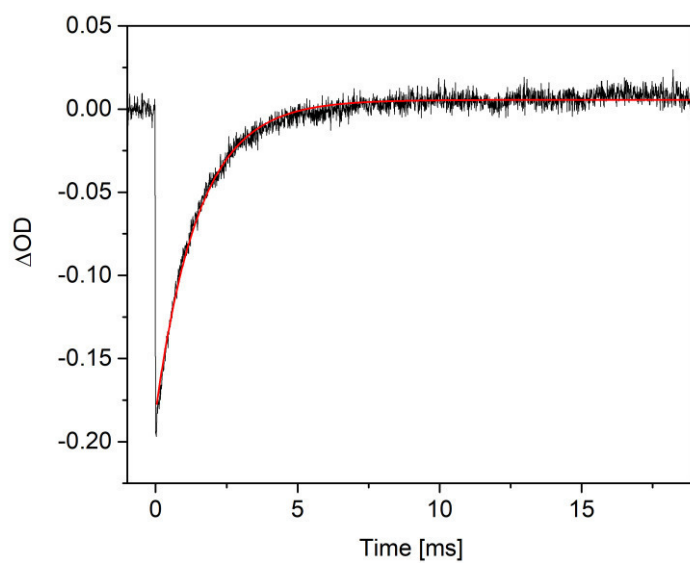
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$-5.65393\text{E-}4 \pm 1.27278\text{E-}5$
A1	$0.0209 \pm 1.00631\text{E-}4$
$\tau$	$0.09499 \pm 6.89737\text{E-}4$
R-Square(COD)	0.97595
Adj. R-Square	0.97593

**Table A70** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A143.

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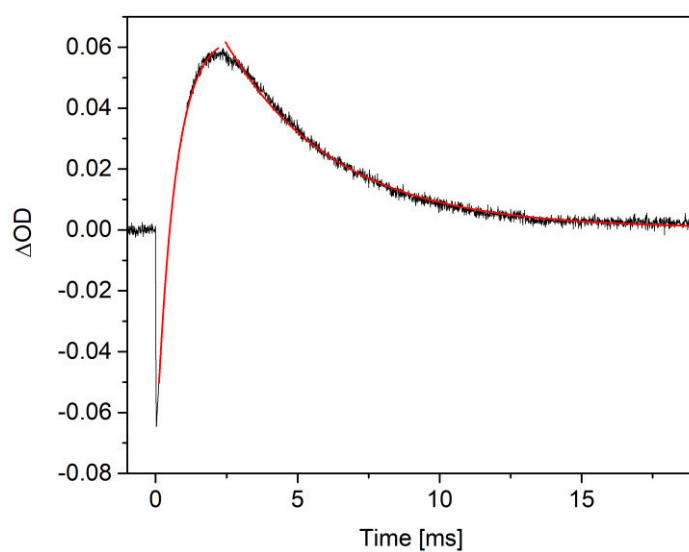
**Figure A144** Transient signal map for **3b** in MeCN-H<sub>2</sub>O 9:1.



**Figure A145** Transient signal detected at 370 nm for **3b** in MeCN-H<sub>2</sub>O 9:1.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00554 \pm 1.24868E-4$
A1	$-0.18787 \pm 7.66967E-4$
$\tau$	$1.505 \pm 0.00942$
R-Square(COD)	0.98243
Adj. R-Square	0.98241

**Table A71** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A145.



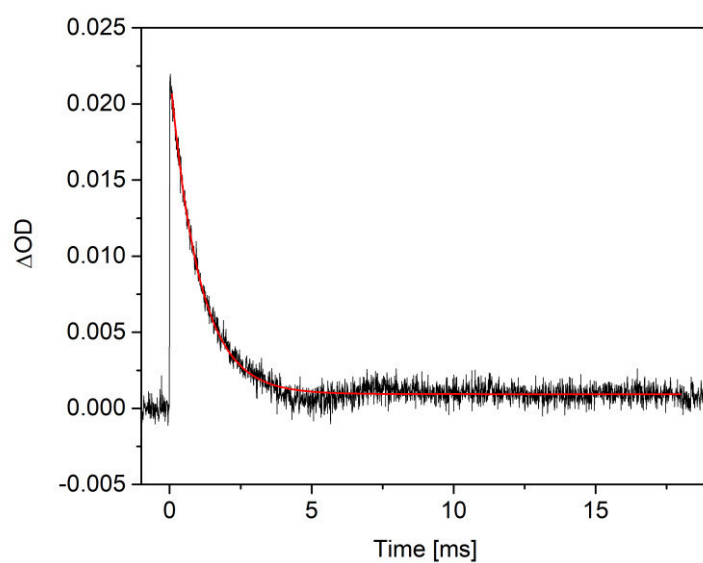
**Figure A146** Transient signal detected at 405 nm for **3b** in MeCN-H<sub>2</sub>O 9:1.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.06436 \pm 3.26054E-4$
A1	$-0.13786 \pm 5.09923E-4$
$\tau$	$0.64932 \pm 0.00632$
R-Square(COD)	0.99778
Adj. R-Square	0.99775

**Table A72** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A146.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$4.69351E-4 \pm 7.47029E-5$
A1	$0.11606 \pm 5.36968E-4$
$\tau$	$3.84483 \pm 0.02049$
R-Square(COD)	1.75246E-6
Adj. R-Square	0.99273

**Table A73** Fitting of the decay of the signal shown in Figure A146.

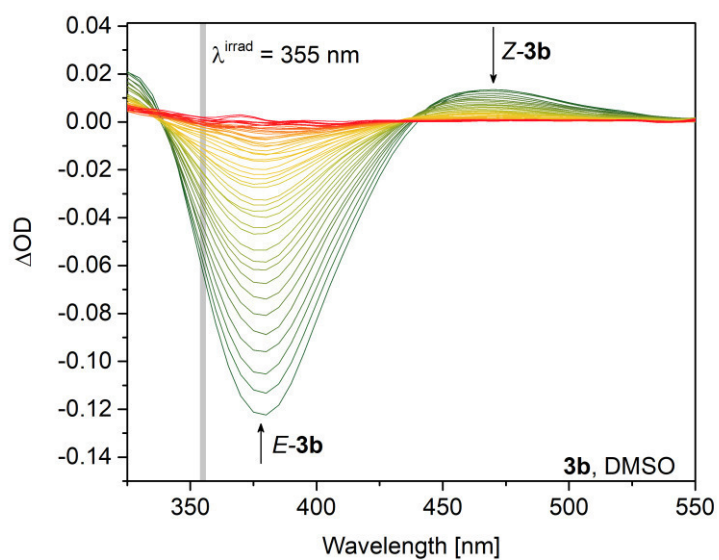


**Figure A147** Transient signal detected at 460 nm for **3b** in MeCN-H<sub>2</sub>O 9:1.

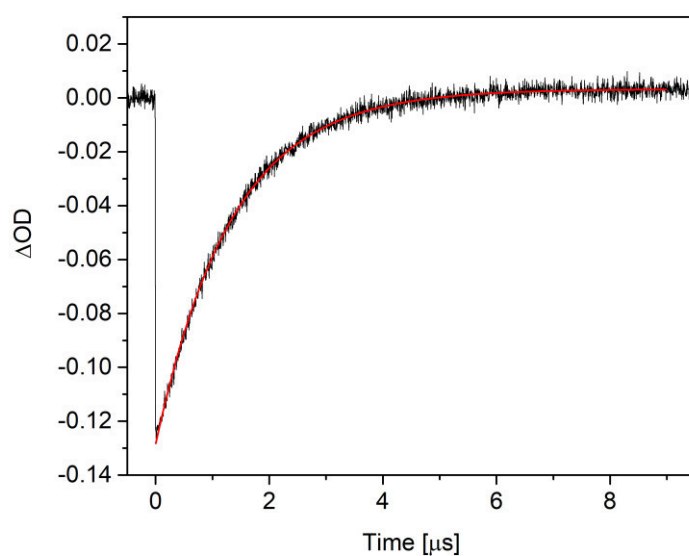
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$9.3751\text{E-}4 \pm 1.52177\text{E-}5$
A1	$0.02132 \pm 1.29487\text{E-}4$
$\tau$	$1.02444 \pm 0.00876$
R-Square(COD)	0.96886
Adj. R-Square	0.96882

**Table A74** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A147.

## DMSO



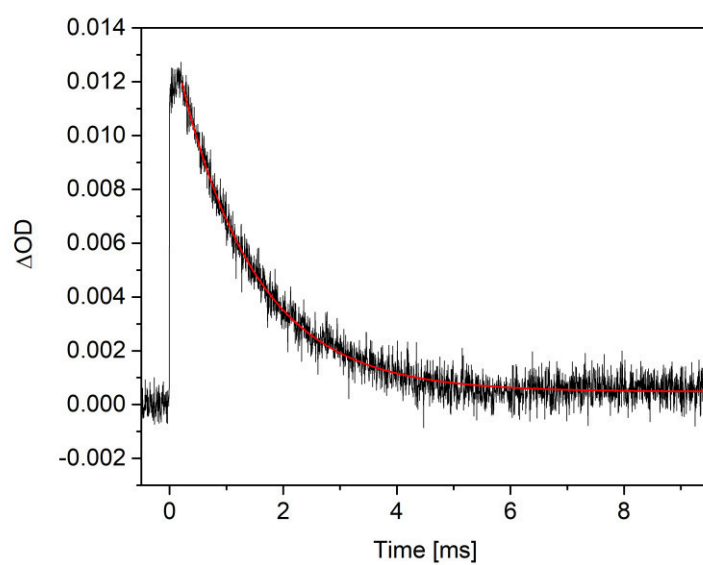
**Figure A148** Transient signal map for **3b** in DMSO.



**Figure A149** Transient signal detected at 380 nm for **3b** in DMSO.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00327 \pm 7.73427E-5$
A1	$-0.13205 \pm 2.6093E-4$
$\tau$	$1.33139 \pm 0.00482$
R-Square(COD)	0.99507
Adj. R-Square	0.99506

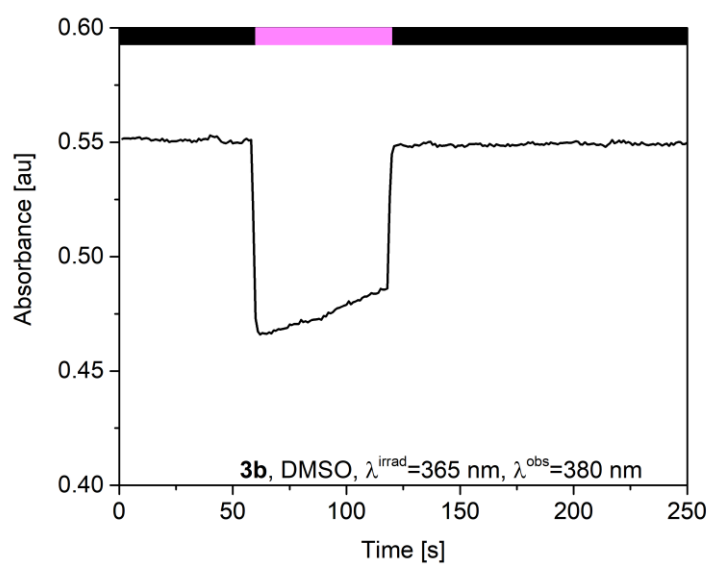
**Table A75** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A149.



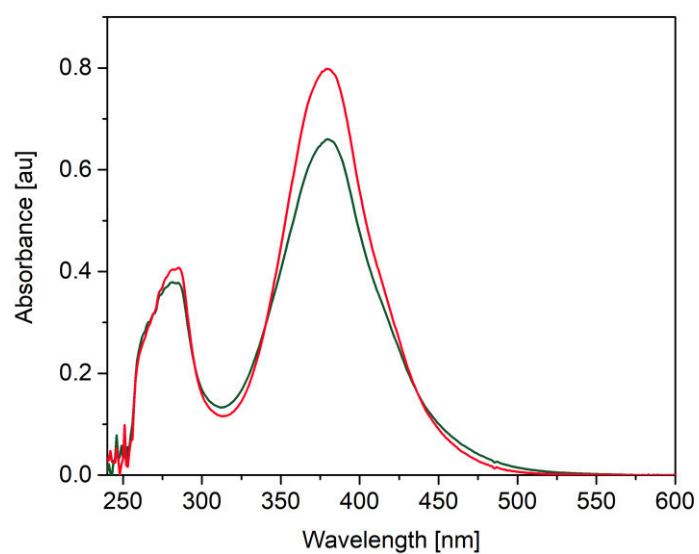
**Figure A150** Transient signal detected at 465 nm for **3b** in DMSO.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$4.79046\text{E-}4 \pm 1.67091\text{E-}5$
A1	$0.01347 \pm 7.9873\text{E-}5$
$\tau$	$1.34164 \pm 0.01223$
R-Square(COD)	0.96827
Adj. R-Square	0.96824

**Table A76** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A150.

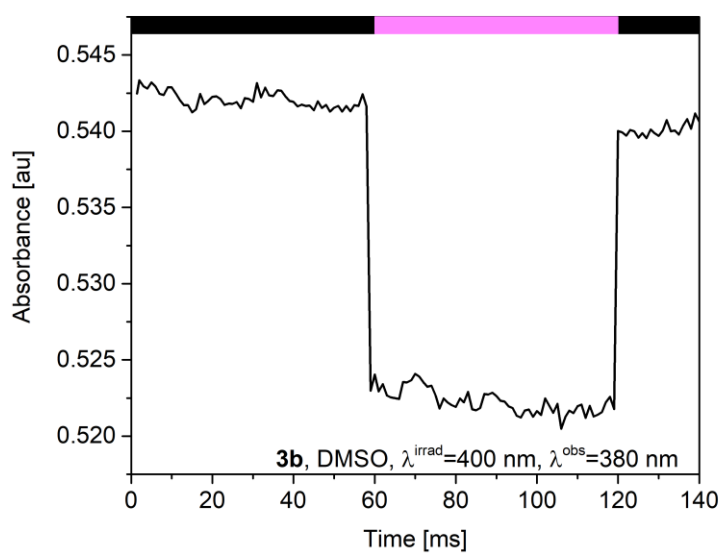


**Figure A151** Absorbance variation of **3b** in DMSO, irradiation with a 365 nm LED,  $\lambda_{\text{obs}}=380$  nm.

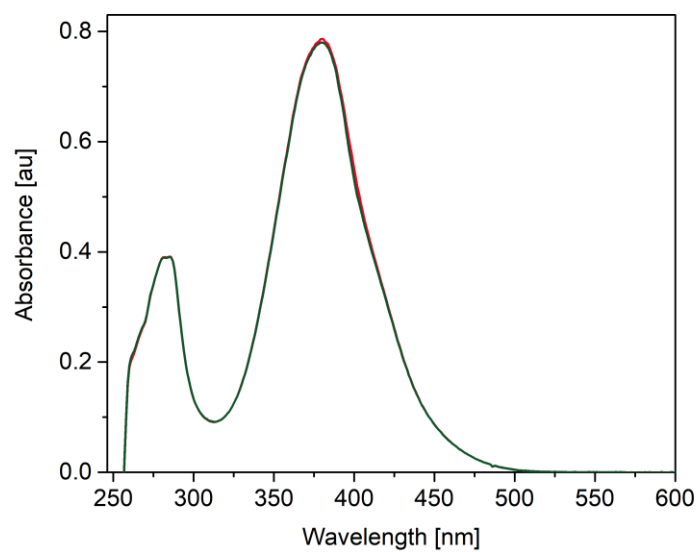


**Figure A152** UV/vis of *E*-**3b** in DMSO (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 365 nm LED.



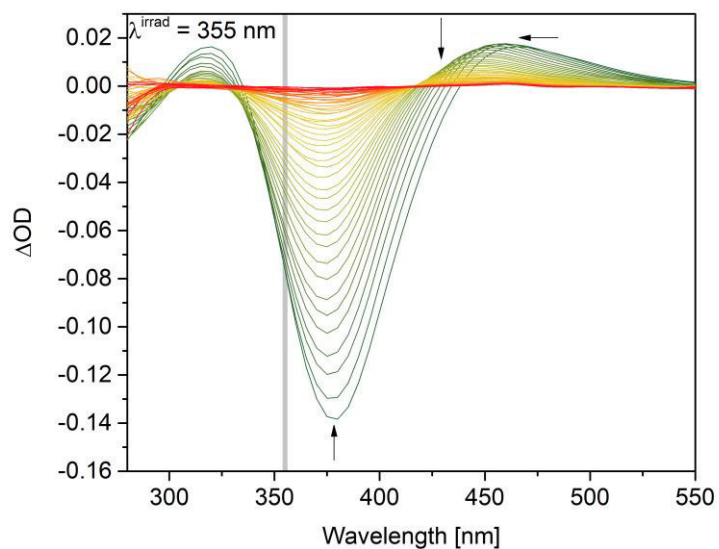


**Figure A153** Absorbance variation of **3b** in DMSO, irradiation with a 400 nm LED,  $\lambda_{\text{obs}}=380$  nm.

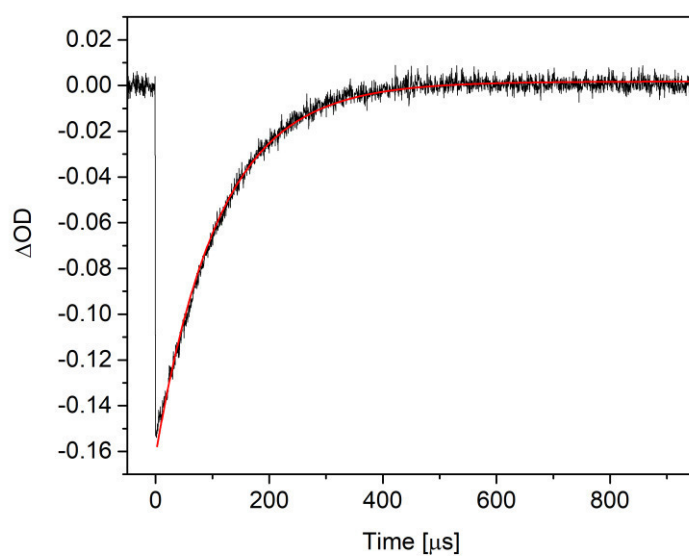


**Figure A154** UV/vis of *E*-**3b** in DMSO (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 400 nm LED.

## DMSO - H<sub>2</sub>O 9:1



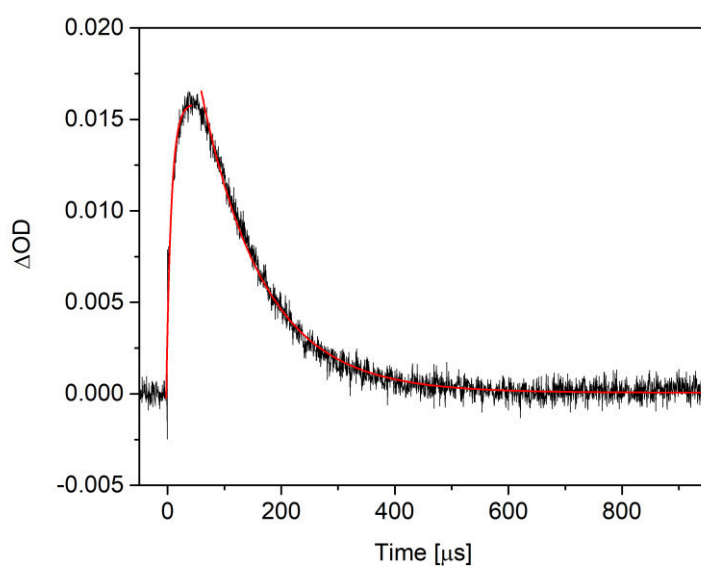
**Figure A155** Transient signal map for **3b** in DMSO-H<sub>2</sub>O 9:1.



**Figure A156** Transient signal detected at 375 nm for **3b** in DMSO-H<sub>2</sub>O 9:1.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00175 \pm 8.86875E-5$
A1	$-0.16326 \pm 3.9182E-4$
$\tau$	$111.21788 \pm 0.44405$
R-Square(COD)	0.99323
Adj. R-Square	0.99322

**Table A77** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A156.



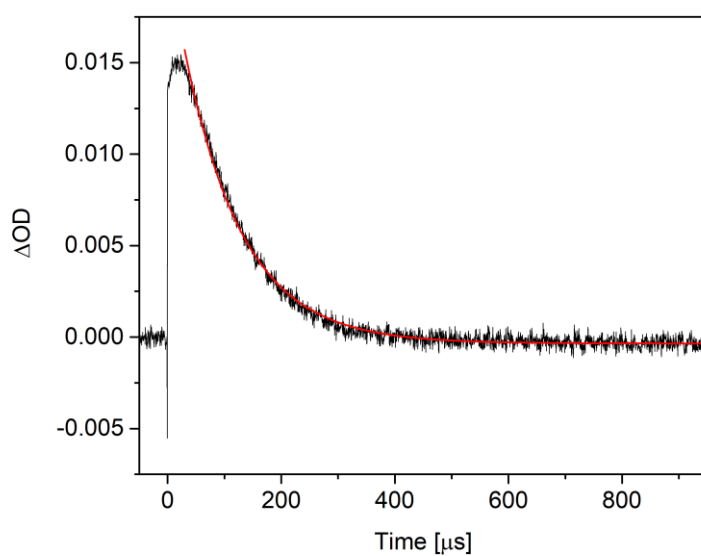
**Figure A157** Transient signal detected at 445 nm for **3b** in DMSO-H<sub>2</sub>O 9:1.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.01586 \pm 2.13401E-4$
A1	$-0.01206 \pm 3.46624E-4$
$\tau$	$8.67905 \pm 0.56806$
R-Square(COD)	0.93666
Adj. R-Square	0.93521

**Table A78** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A157.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$6.2609E-5 \pm 1.5453E-5$
A1	$0.02826 \pm 1.83405E-4$
$\tau$	$109.51581 \pm 0.71539$
R-Square(COD)	0.98334
Adj. R-Square	0.98332

**Table A79** Fitting of the decay of the signal shown in Figure A157.

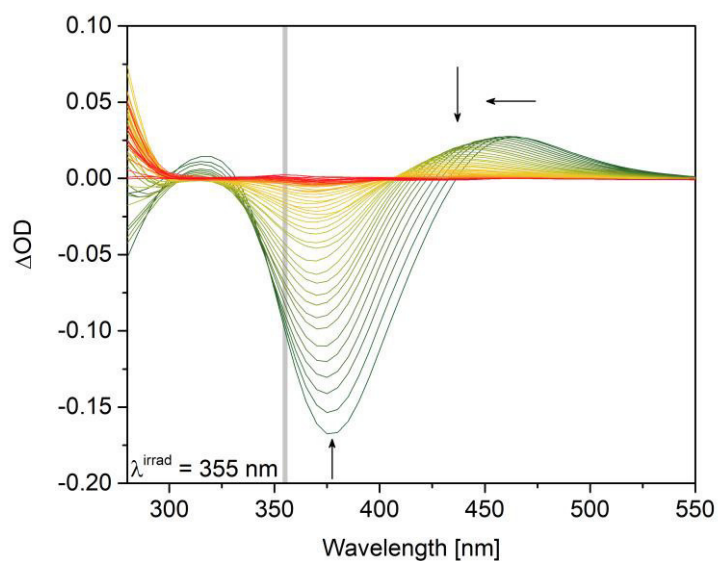


**Figure A158** Transient signal detected at 460 nm for **3b** in DMSO-H<sub>2</sub>O 9:1.

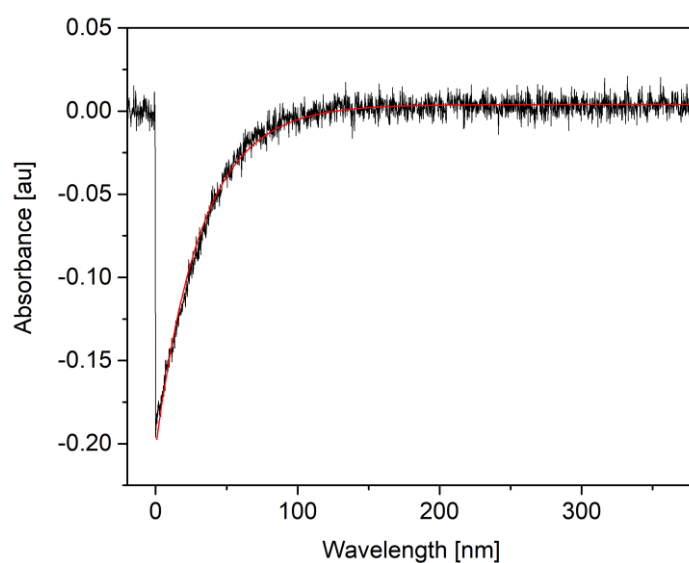
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$-3.493\text{E-}4 \pm 1.06587\text{E-}5$
A1	$0.02151 \pm 8.51372\text{E-}5$
$\tau$	$102.73277 \pm 0.50598$
R-Square(COD)	0.98992
Adj. R-Square	0.98991

**Table A80** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A158.

## DMSO - H<sub>2</sub>O 1:1



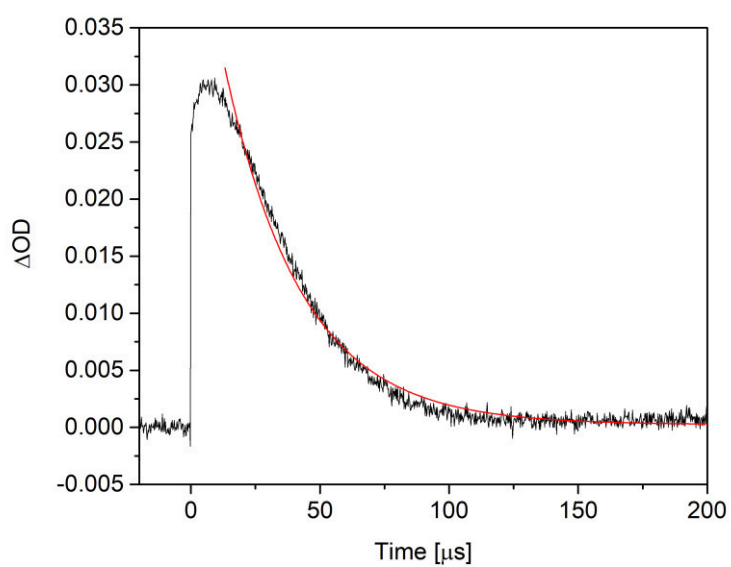
**Figure A159** Transient signal map for **3b** in DMSO-H<sub>2</sub>O 1:1.



**Figure A160** Transient signal detected at 375 nm for **3b** in DMSO-H<sub>2</sub>O 1:1.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00394 \pm 1.49854E-4$
A1	$-0.20645 \pm 8.68704E-4$
$\tau$	$32.09446 \pm 0.20971$
R-Square(COD)	0.98121
Adj. R-Square	0.98119

**Table A81** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A160.

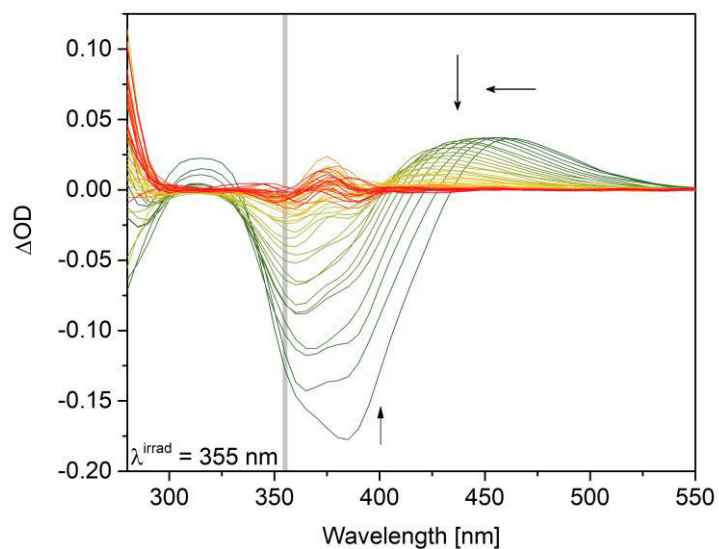


**Figure A161** Transient signal detected at 455 nm for **3b** in DMSO-H<sub>2</sub>O 1:1.

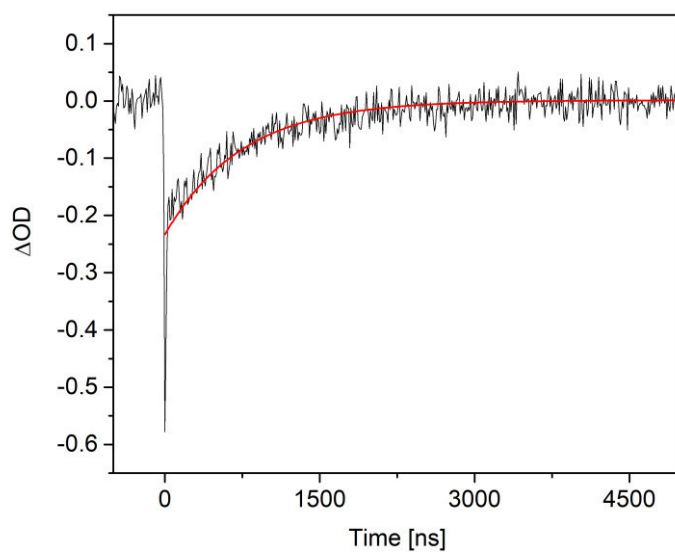
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$2.36944E-4 \pm 3.72932E-5$
A1	$0.04858 \pm 3.236E-4$
$\tau$	$29.91279 \pm 0.22723$
R-Square(COD)	0.98706
Adj. R-Square	0.98703

**Table A82** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A161.

DMSO - buffered H<sub>2</sub>O (pH=4) 1:1



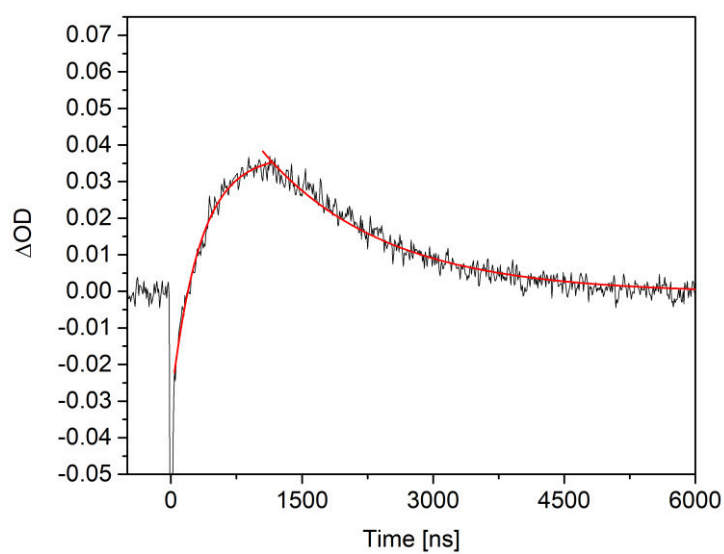
**Figure A162** Transient signal map for **3b** in DMSO-buffered H<sub>2</sub>O (pH=4) 1:1.



**Figure A163** Transient signal detected at 380 nm for **3b** in DMSO- buffered H<sub>2</sub>O (pH=4) 1:1.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00131 \pm 6.47261E-4$
A1	$-0.23486 \pm 0.0052$
$\tau$	$743.25708 \pm 24.78394$
R-Square(COD)	0.70488
Adj. R-Square	0.70449

**Table A83** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A163.



**Figure A164** Transient signal detected at 430 nm for **3b** in DMSO- buffered H<sub>2</sub>O (pH=4) 1:1.

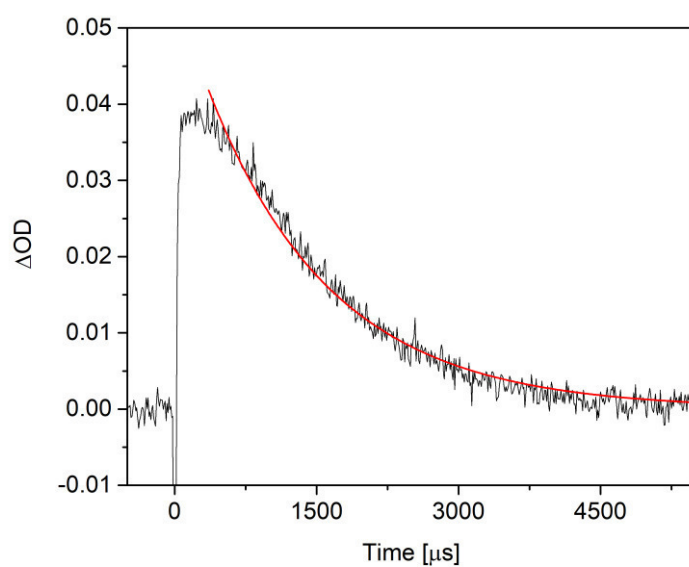
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$-4.9642\text{E-}4 \pm 6.88459\text{E-}5$
A1	$0.08273 \pm 0.00146$
$\tau$	$1387.13548 \pm 19.92213$
R-Square(COD)	0.93554
Adj. R-Square	0.93544

**Table A84** Fitting of the decay of the signal shown in Figure A164.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.03723 \pm 6.07849\text{E-}4$
A1	$-0.0671 \pm 9.04948\text{E-}4$
$\tau$	$328.89001 \pm 11.92738$
R-Square(COD)	0.98292
Adj. R-Square	0.98261

**Table A85** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A164.



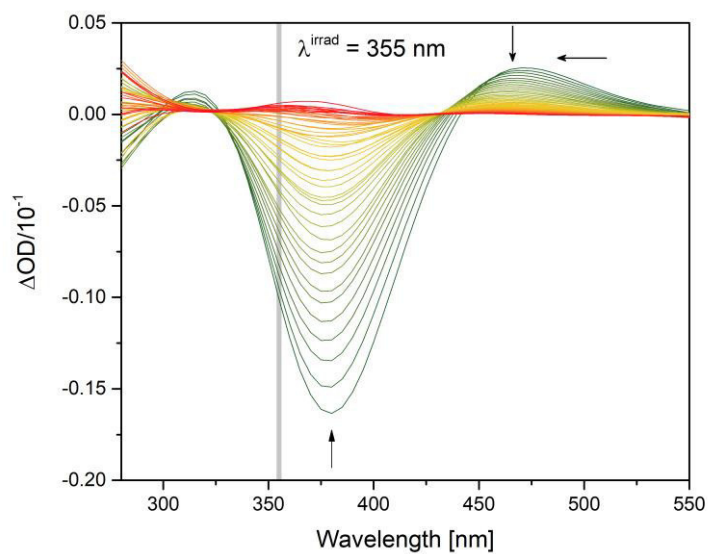


**Figure A165** Transient signal detected at 460 nm for **3b** in DMSO- buffered H<sub>2</sub>O (pH=4) 1:1.

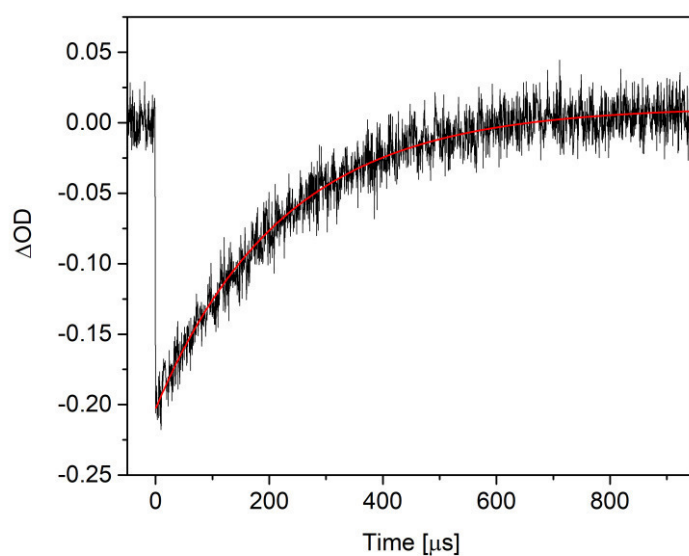
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$4.23526E-5 \pm 4.17151E-5$
A1	$0.05499 \pm 3.9103E-4$
$\tau$	$1309.45975 \pm 11.289$
R-Square(COD)	$1.68336E-6$
Adj. R-Square	0.97428

**Table A86** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A165.

DMSO - buffered H<sub>2</sub>O (pH=7) 1:1



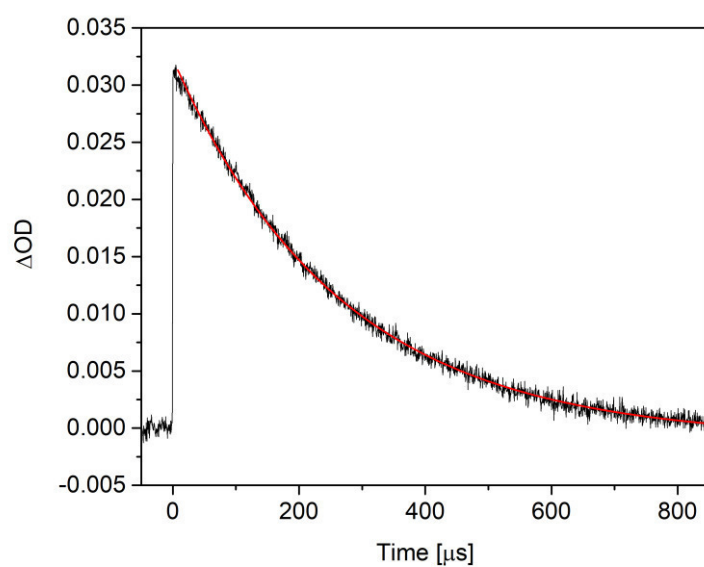
**Figure A166** Transient signal map for **3b** in DMSO-buffered H<sub>2</sub>O (pH=7) 1:1.



**Figure A167** Transient signal detected at 375 nm for **3b** in DMSO- buffered H<sub>2</sub>O (pH=7) 1:1.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.01143 \pm 6.66874E-4$
A1	$-0.21423 \pm 0.00118$
$\tau$	$224.54167 \pm 3.00536$
R-Square(COD)	0.95088
Adj. R-Square	0.95082

**Table A87** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A167.

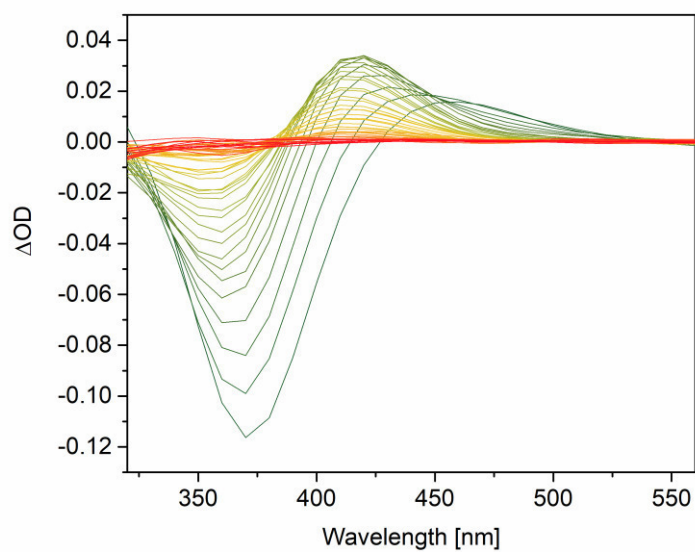


**Figure A168** Transient signal detected at 465 nm for **3b** in DMSO- buffered H<sub>2</sub>O (pH=7) 1:1.

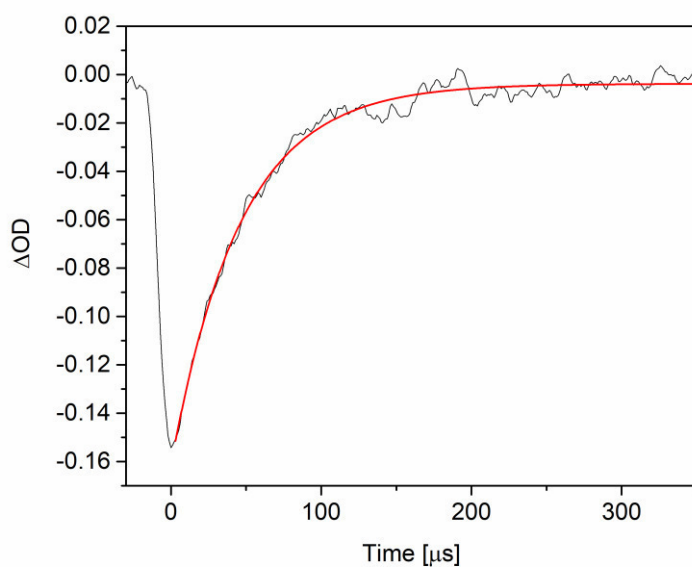
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$-9.6101\text{E-}4 \pm 3.30026\text{E-}5$
A1	$0.03327 \pm 4.57811\text{E-}5$
$\tau$	$265.5033 \pm 1.00643$
R-Square(COD)	0.9966
Adj. R-Square	0.9966

**Table A88** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A168.

**DMSO - H<sub>2</sub>O 1:1 + 25  $\mu$ L DBU**



**Figure A169** Transient signal map for **3b** in DMSO-H<sub>2</sub>O 1:1 + 25  $\mu$ L DBU.

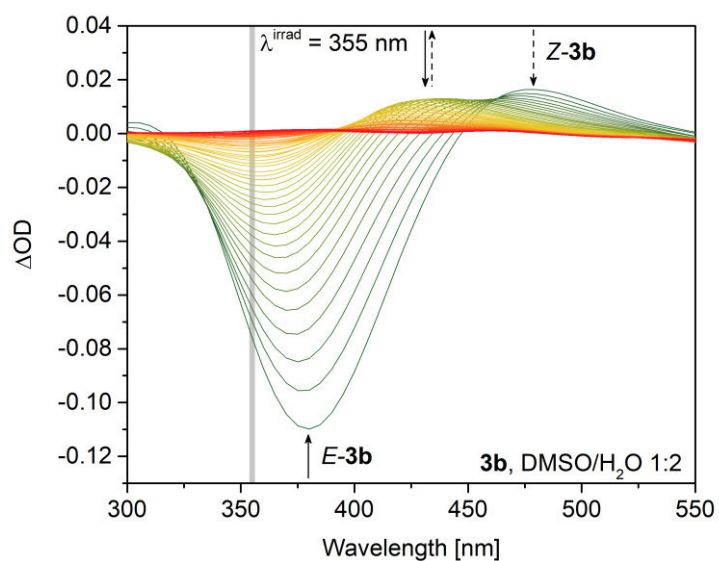


**Figure A170** Transient signal detected at 381 nm for **3b** in DMSO-H<sub>2</sub>O 1:1 + 25  $\mu$ L DBU.

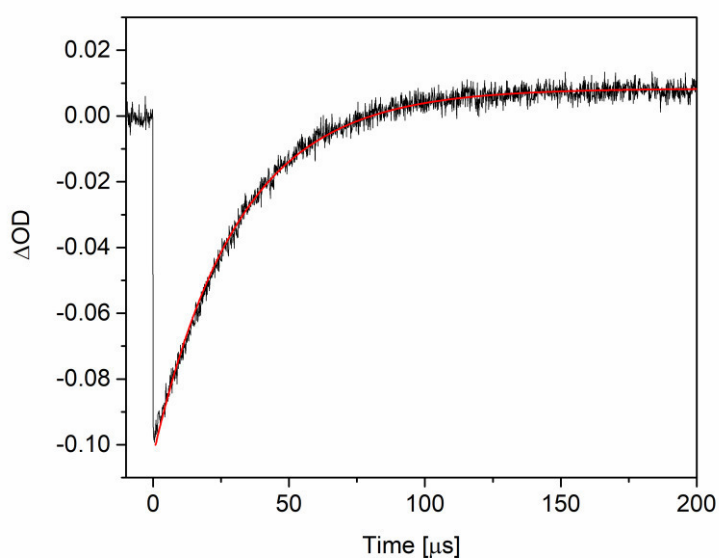
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$-0.00376 \pm 2.69006E-4$
A1	$-0.15776 \pm 0.00116$
$\tau$	$45.80947 \pm 0.55644$
R-Square(COD)	0.98876
Adj. R-Square	0.9887

**Table A89** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A170.

# DMSO - H<sub>2</sub>O 1:2



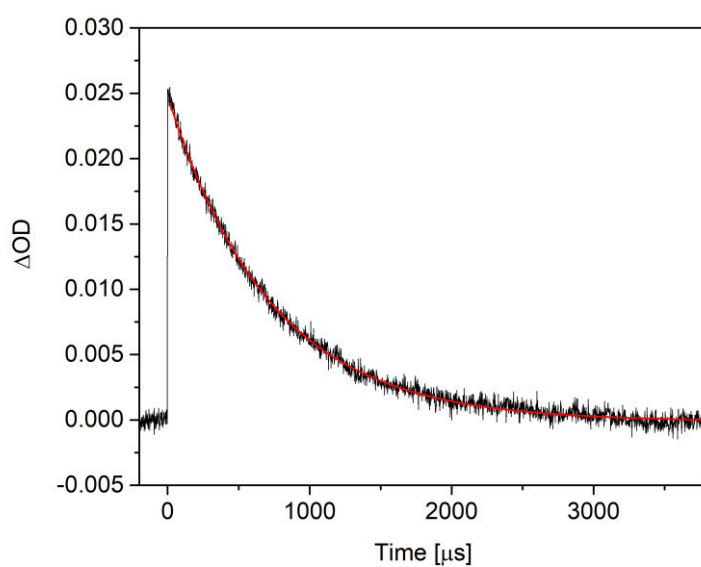
**Figure A171** Transient signal map for **3b** in DMSO-H<sub>2</sub>O 1:2.



**Figure A172** Transient signal detected at 381 nm for **3b** in DMSO-H<sub>2</sub>O 1:2.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00838 \pm 7.81655E-5$
A1	$-0.11156 \pm 2.94799E-4$
$\tau$	$31.00774 \pm 0.14322$
R-Square(COD)	0.99184
Adj. R-Square	0.99183

**Table A90** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A172.



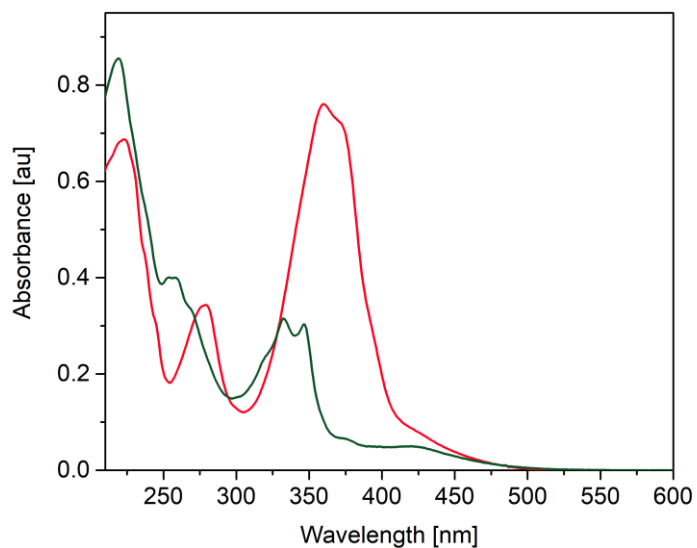
**Figure A173** Transient signal detected at 465 nm for **3b** in DMSO-H<sub>2</sub>O 1:2.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$-1.11283\text{E-}4 \pm 2.03398\text{E-}5$
A1	$0.0249 \pm 5.18701\text{E-}5$
$\tau$	$720.79356 \pm 3.07685$
R-Square(COD)	0.99374
Adj. R-Square	0.99374

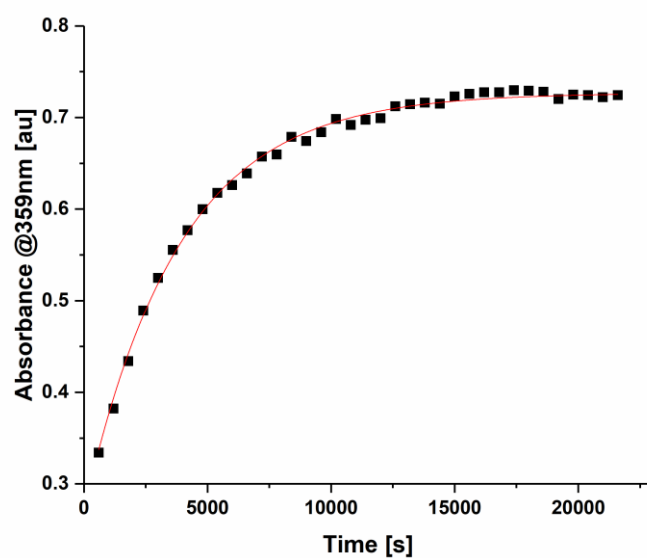
**Table A91** Fitting of the signal shown in Figure A173.

### 2.3.3 3c

#### Cyclohexane



**Figure A174** UV/vis of *E*-**3c** in cyclohexane (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 365 nm LED.

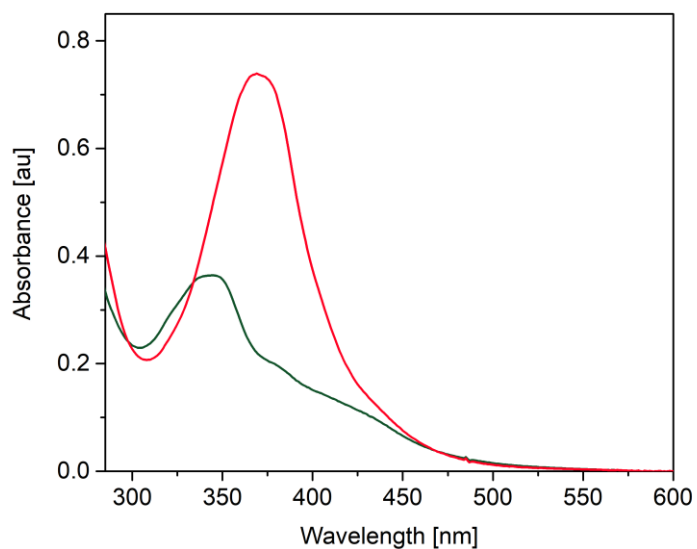


**Figure A175** PSS-to-*E* kinetic of **3c** in cyclohexane, irradiation with 365 nm LED,  $\lambda_{\text{obs}}=359$  nm.

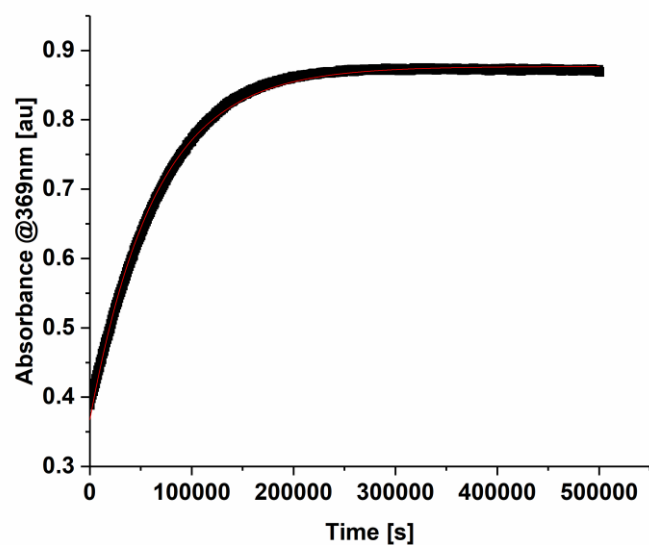
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.72683 \pm 0.0017$
A1	$-0.45576 \pm 0.00545$
$\tau$	$3818.61938 \pm 84.15608$
R-Square(COD)	0.99703
Adj. R-Square	0.99685

**Table A92** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A175.

## Dioxane



**Figure A176** UV/vis of *E*-**3c** in dioxane (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 365 nm LED.



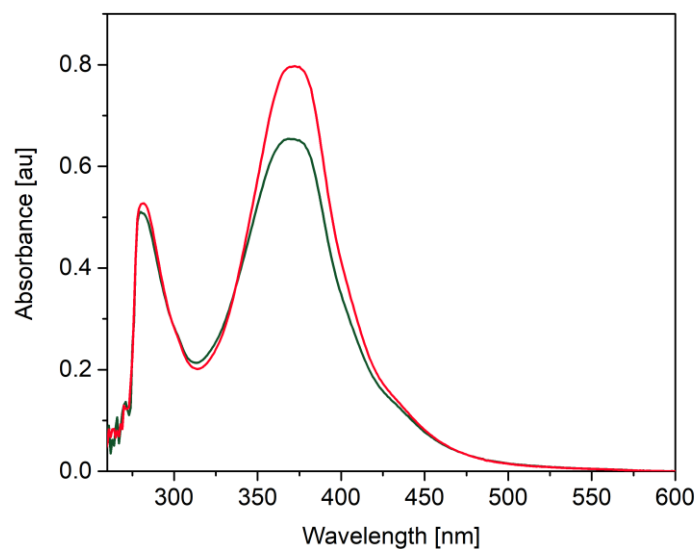
**Figure A177** PSS-to-*E* kinetic of **3c** in dioxane, irradiation with 365 nm LED,  $\lambda_{\text{obs}}=369$  nm.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.87699 \pm 3.42385\text{E-}4$
A1	$-0.51034 \pm 0.00133$
$\tau$	$63764.54785 \pm 291.09162$
R-Square(COD)	0.99778
Adj. R-Square	0.99777

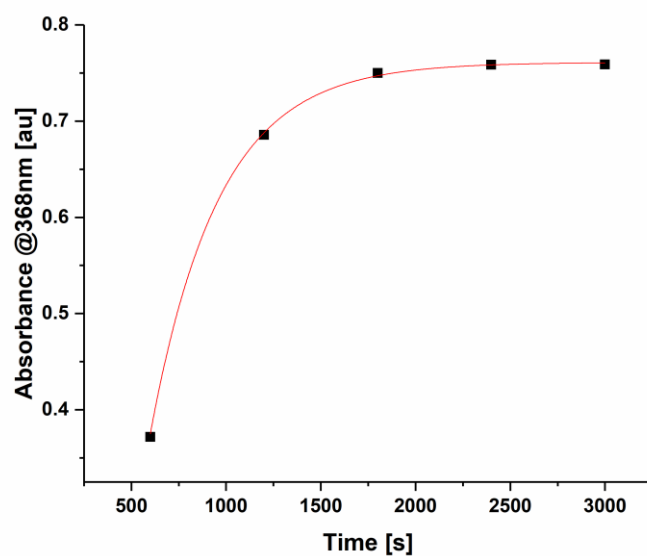
**Table A93** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A177.



## Benzene



**Figure A178** UV/vis of *E*-**3c** in benzene (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 365 nm LED.

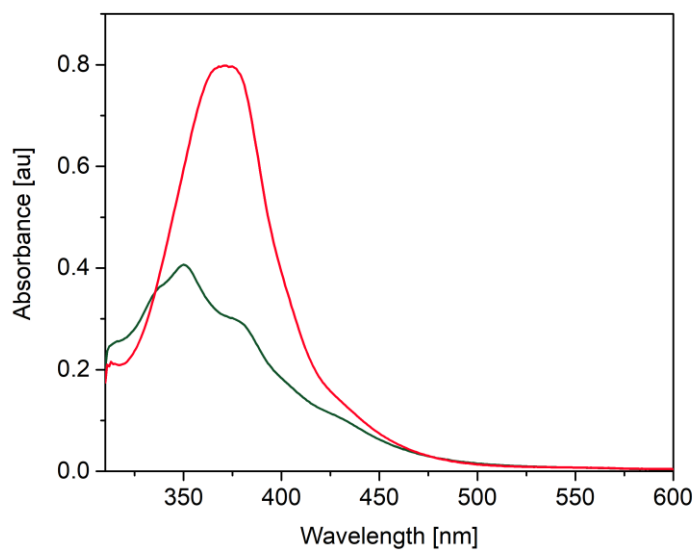


**Figure A179** PSS-to-*E* kinetic of **3c** in benzene, irradiation with 365 nm LED,  $\lambda_{\text{obs}}=368$  nm.

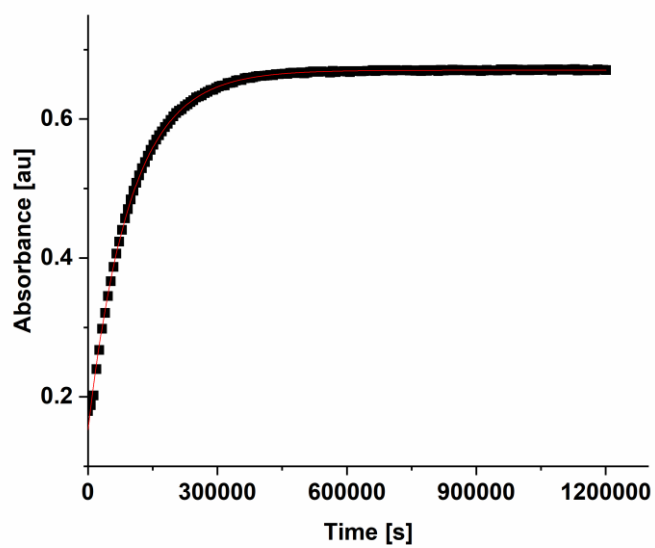
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.76098 \pm 0.00255$
A1	$-2.03277 \pm 0.1223$
$\tau$	$361.13518 \pm 13.4427$
R-Square(COD)	0.99976
Adj. R-Square	0.99951

**Table A94** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A179.

## Mesitylene



**Figure A180** UV/vis of **E-3c** in mesitylene (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 365 nm LED.

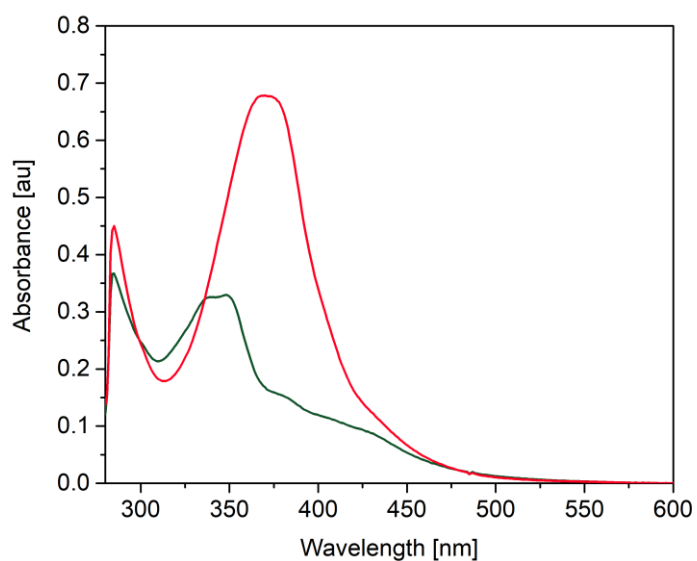


**Figure A181** PSS-to-E kinetic of **3c** in mesitylene, irradiation with 365 nm LED,  $\lambda_{\text{obs}}=367$  nm.

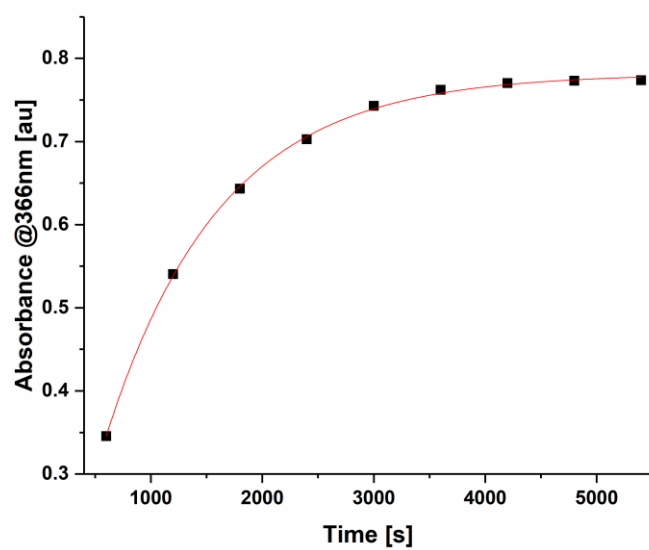
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.67036 \pm 2.39673E-4$
A1	$-0.51769 \pm 0.0013$
$\tau$	$97696.50478 \pm 398.58729$
R-Square(COD)	0.99928
Adj. R-Square	0.99927

**Table A95** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A181.

## Toluene



**Figure A182** UV/vis of *E*-**3c** in toluene (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 365 nm LED.

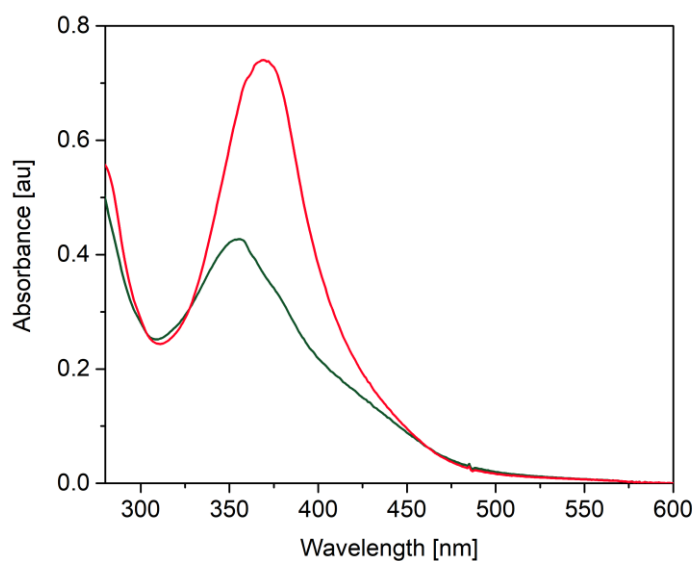


**Figure A183** PSS-to-*E* kinetic of **3c** in toluene, irradiation with 365 nm LED,  $\lambda^{\text{obs}}=366$  nm.

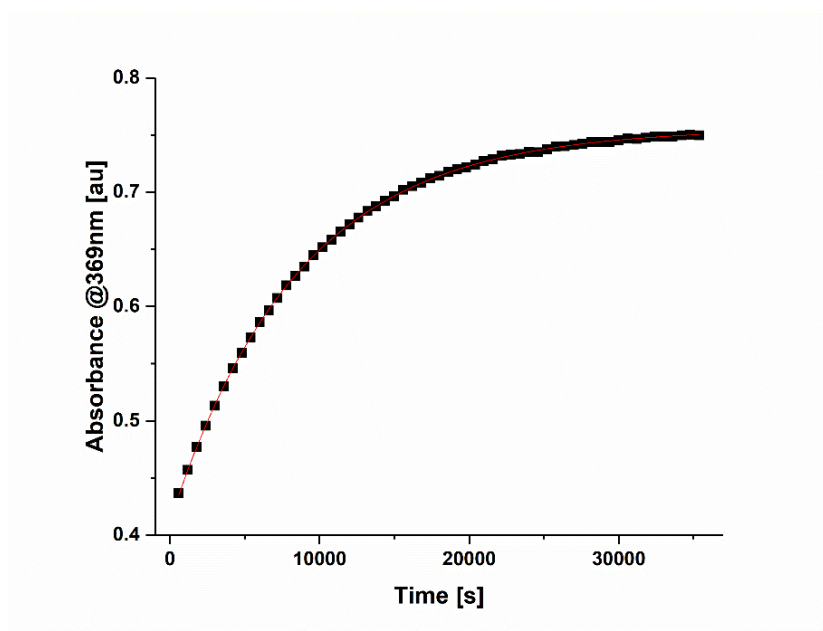
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.78154 \pm 0.00219$
A1	$-0.78153 \pm 0.01123$
$\tau$	$1027.22227 \pm 21.31498$
R-Square(COD)	0.99959
Adj. R-Square	0.99945

**Table A96** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A183.

MeOH



**Figure A184** UV/vis of *E*-**3c** in MeOH (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 365 nm LED.

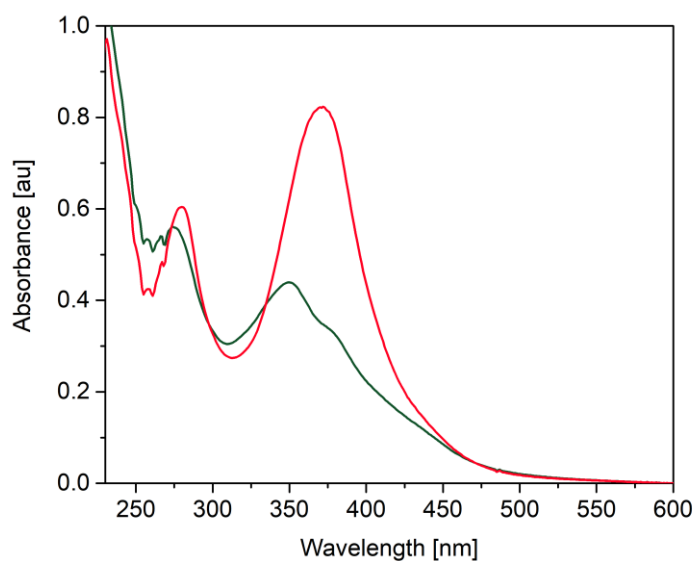


**Figure A185** PSS-to-*E* kinetic of **3c** in MeOH, irradiation with 365 nm LED,  $\lambda^{\text{obs}}=369$  nm.

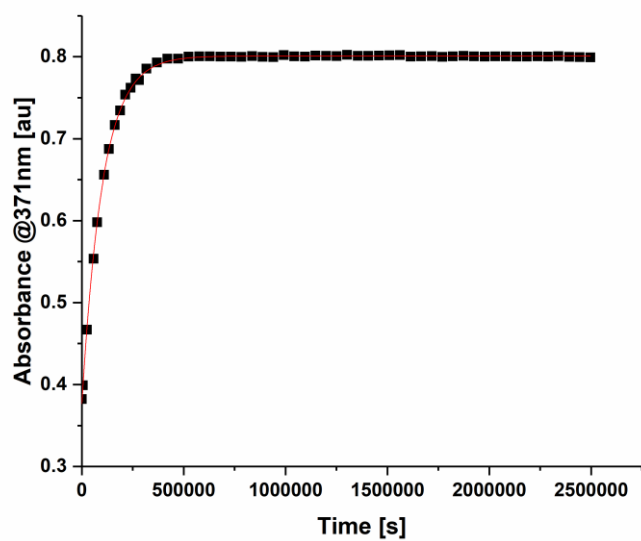
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.75577 \pm 2.06828\text{E-}4$
A1	$-0.3442 \pm 3.80659\text{E-}4$
$\tau$	$8517.57591 \pm 22.55011$
R-Square(COD)	0.99994
Adj. R-Square	0.99994

**Table A97** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A185.

MeCN



**Figure A186** UV/vis of *E-3c* in MeCN (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 365 nm LED.

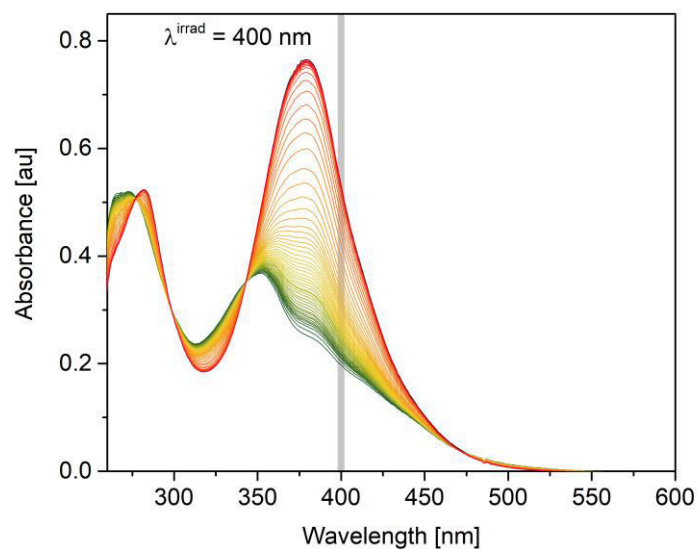


**Figure A187** PSS-to-*E* kinetic of **3c** in MeCN, irradiation with 365 nm LED,  $\lambda_{\text{obs}}=371$  nm.

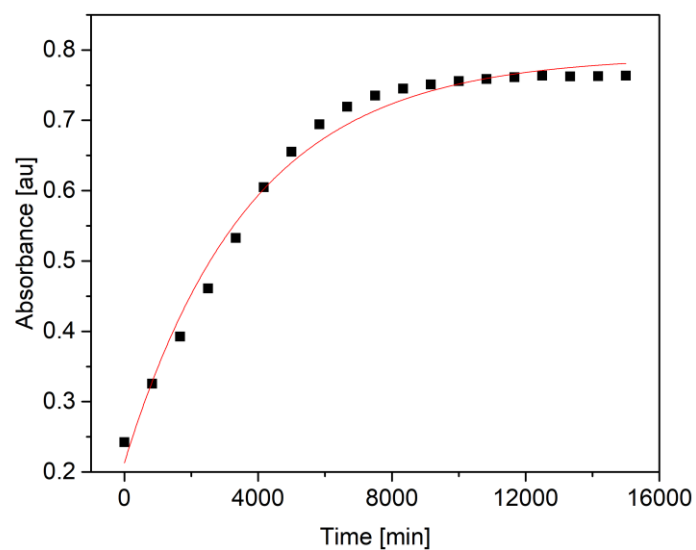
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.801 \pm 2.99777\text{E-}4$
A1	$-0.42437 \pm 0.00128$
$\tau$	$101479.69866 \pm 613.50362$
R-Square(COD)	0.99961
Adj. R-Square	0.9996

**Table A98** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A187.

DMSO



**Figure A188** UV/vis of *E*-**3c** in MeCN (red), and of the PSS (green) after irradiation with a 365 nm LED.



**Figure A189** PSS-to-*E* kinetic of **3c** in DMSO, irradiation with 365 nm LED,  $\lambda^{\text{obs}}=370$  nm.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.79133 \pm 0.01078$
A1	$-0.57819 \pm 0.01635$
$\tau$	$3734.66995 \pm 271.99886$
R-Square(COD)	0.98743
Adj. R-Square	0.98585

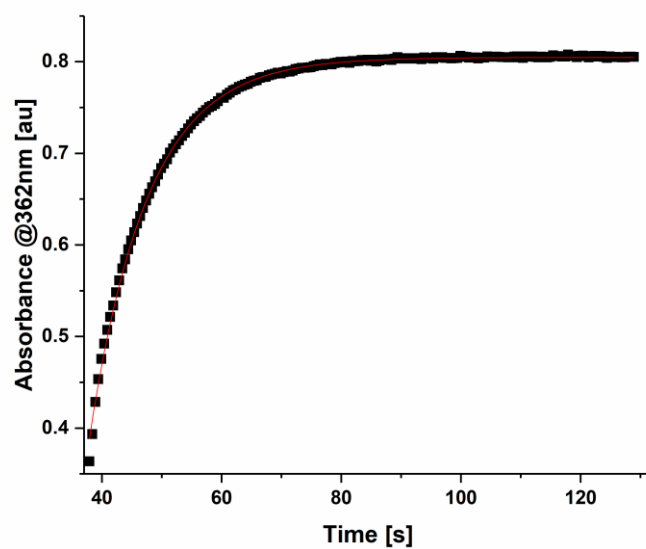
**Table A99** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A189.

## 2.4 Thermal isomerization kinetics of 3a at various temperatures

Temperature [°C]	Temperature [K]	$\tau$ [s]
13	286.15	9.7
15	288.15	8.42
17	290.15	7.75
19	292.15	6.81
21	294.15	5.56
23	296.15	4.33
25	298.15	4.37
27	300.15	3.57
29	302.15	2.91
31	304.15	2.68
33	306.15	2.33

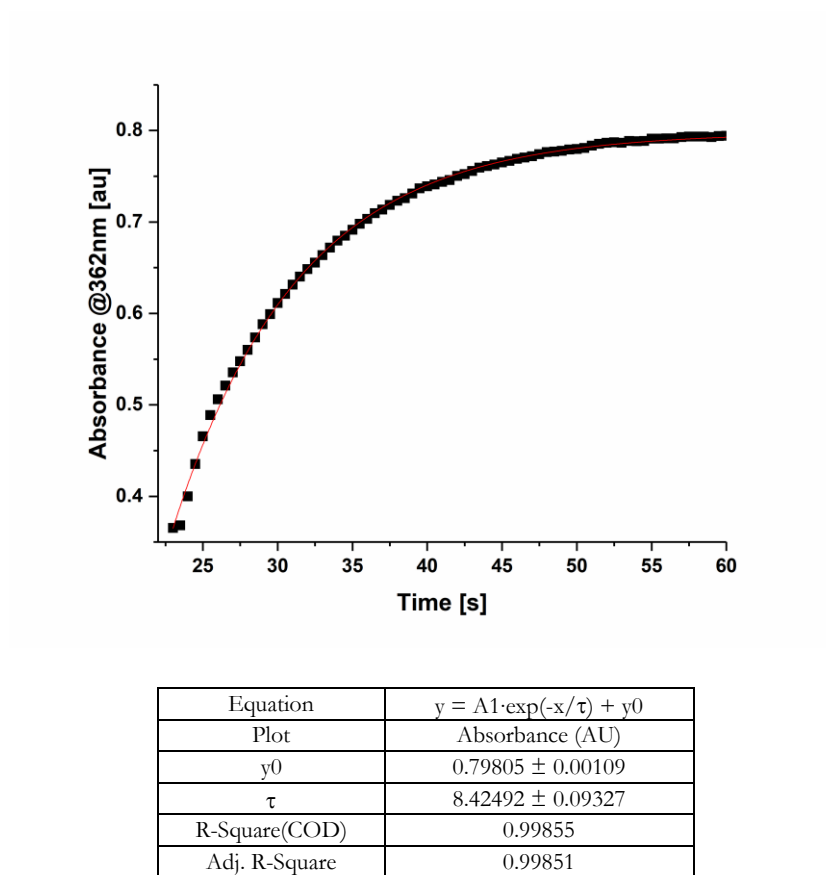
**Table A100** Overview of the different lifetimes at different temperatures registered for **3a** in MeCN

13 °C

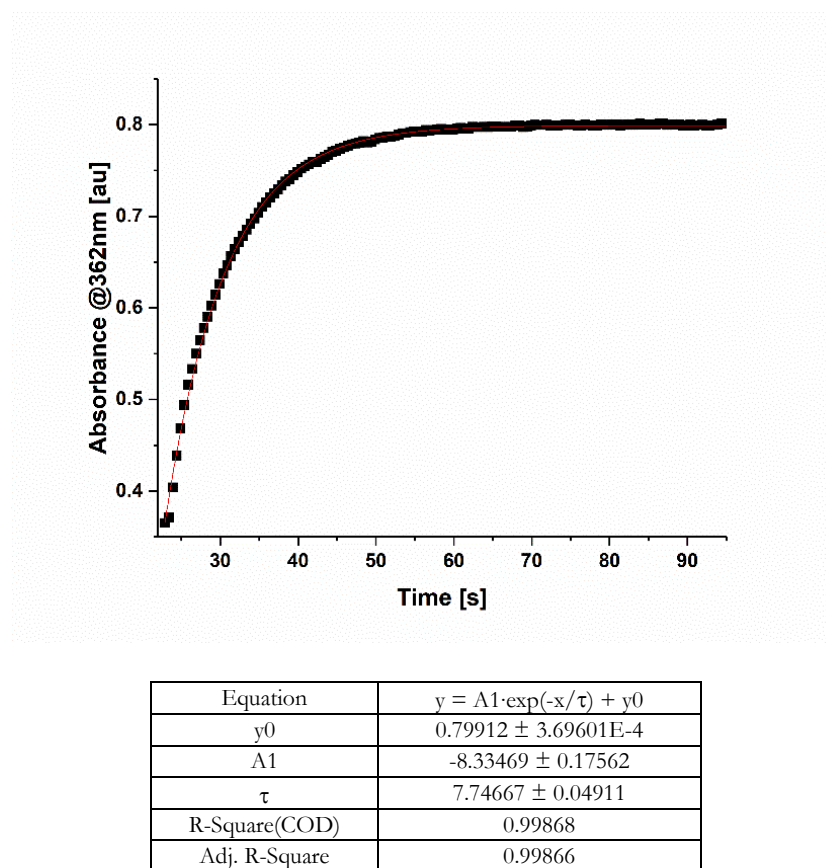


Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.8048 \pm 2.86615E-4$
A1	$-20.66538 \pm 0.45671$
$\tau$	$9.70688 \pm 0.05022$
R-Square(COD)	0.99888
Adj. R-Square	0.99887

15 °C

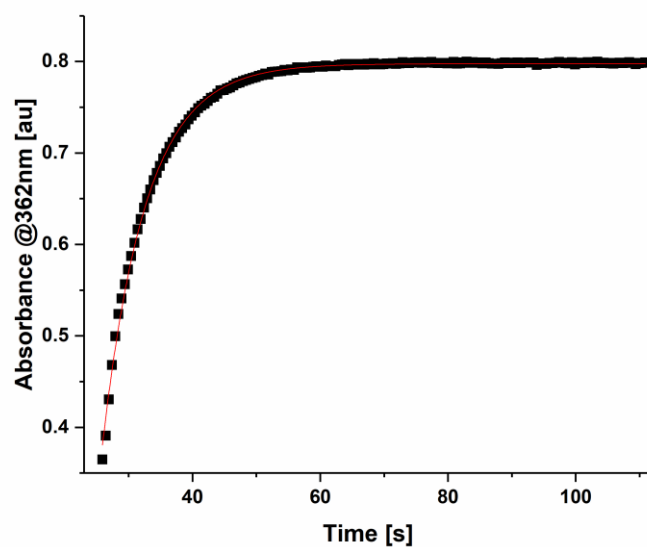


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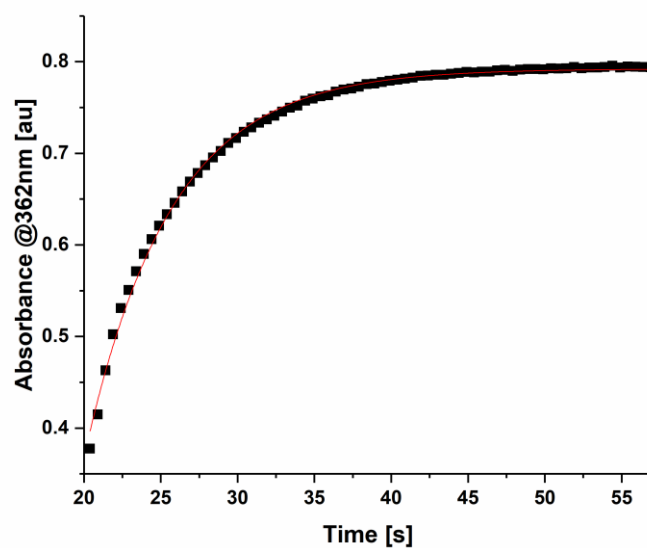


19 °C



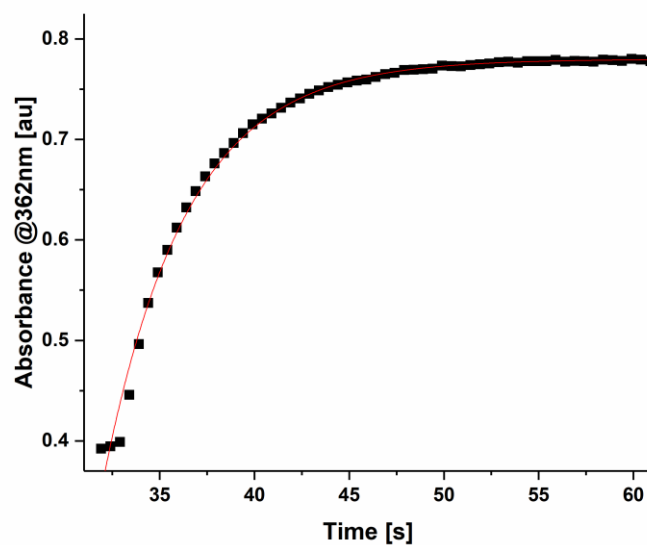
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.79764 \pm 3.09178E-4$
A1	$-18.74842 \pm 0.51846$
$\tau$	$6.80558 \pm 0.04477$
R-Square(COD)	0.99825
Adj. R-Square	0.99823

21 °C



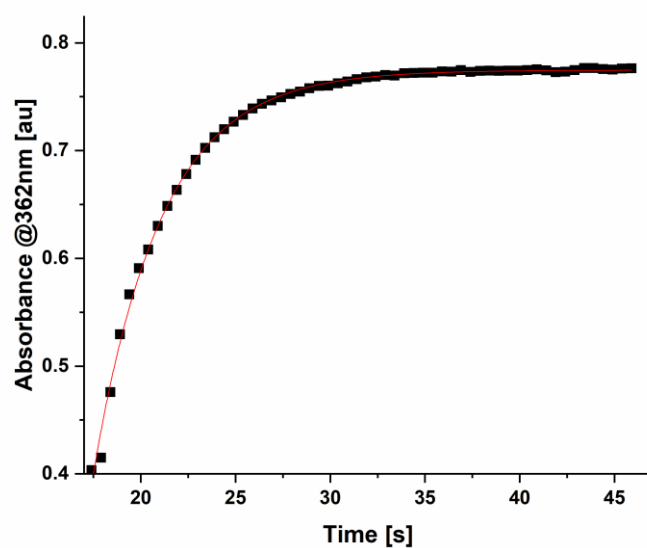
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.79228 \pm 8.91028E-4$
A1	$-15.45017 \pm 0.80979$
$\tau$	$5.56549 \pm 0.07401$
R-Square(COD)	0.99734
Adj. R-Square	0.99726

25 °C



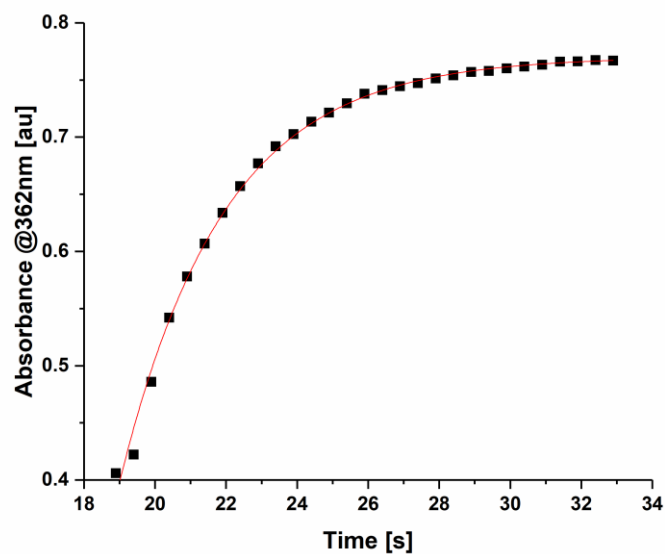
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.77987 \pm 0.00177$
A1	$-632.15364 \pm 115.92526$
$\tau$	$4.37466 \pm 0.10627$
R-Square(COD)	0.99296
Adj. R-Square	0.99271

27 °C



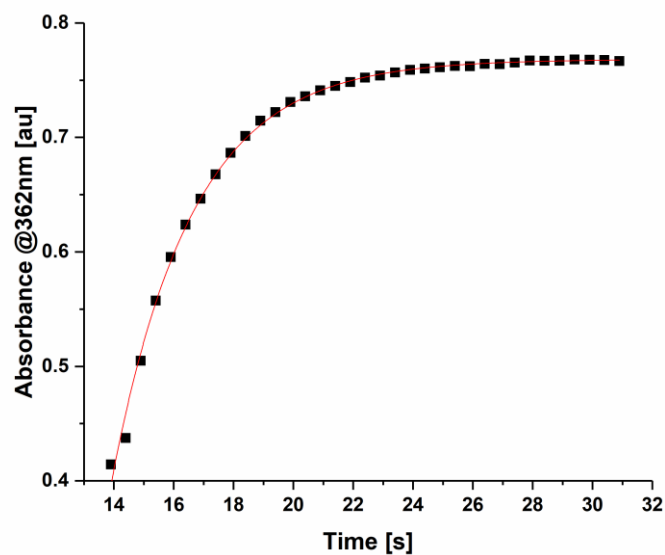
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.77469 \pm 8.57862E-4$
A1	$-50.00092 \pm 3.76478$
$\tau$	$3.57548 \pm 0.05218$
R-Square(COD)	0.9974
Adj. R-Square	0.9973

29 °C



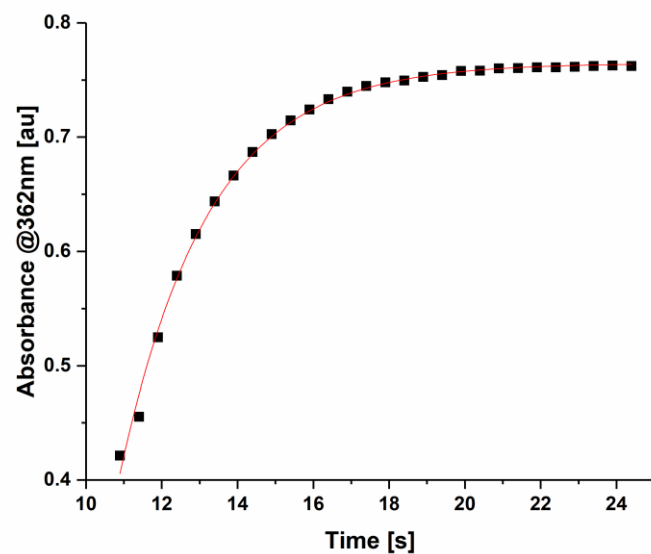
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.77028 \pm 0.00249$
A1	$-253.08752 \pm 49.06239$
$\tau$	$2.9137 \pm 0.08541$
R-Square(COD)	0.99613
Adj. R-Square	0.99583

31 °C



Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.76819 \pm 0.00145$
A1	$-66.70308 \pm 7.77401$
$\tau$	$2.67878 \pm 0.05776$
R-Square(COD)	0.99696
Adj. R-Square	0.99677

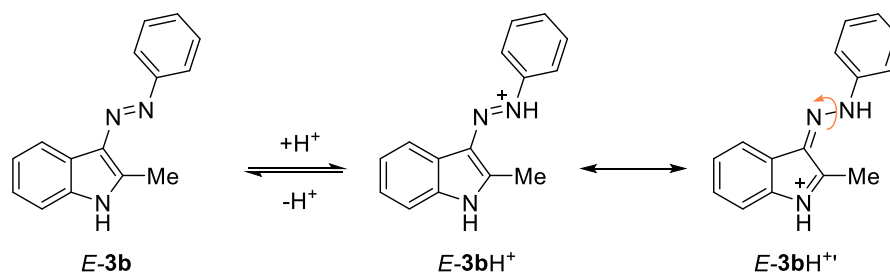
33 °C



Equation	$y = A1 * \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.76476 \pm 0.00171$
A1	$-38.90982 \pm 4.65234$
$\tau$	$2.32631 \pm 0.05716$
R-Square(COD)	0.99706
Adj. R-Square	0.99682

## 2.5 UV/Vis titration of **3b** with HCl

We titrated compound **3b** in MeCN (2 mL of a 59  $\mu$ M solution) with one equivalent of a concentrated solution of HCl (54  $\mu$ L of a 2.2 mM solution, added in 1.5  $\mu$ L portions). Doing so we quantitatively protonated *E*-**3b**, forming product *E*-**3b**H<sup>+</sup> (see Scheme S2). This equilibrium is known for azo-compounds to happen in acidic medium.<sup>S2</sup> *E*-**3b**H<sup>+</sup> can undergo a more facile rotation around the N-N bond in respect of *E*-**3b**, due to its partial single bond character furnished by the resonance structure *E*-**3b**H<sup>+</sup>. Thus, we cannot exclude *a priori* the role of the protonated azoindole in the Z-to-*E* conversion of Z-**3b**. The arising peak has a maximum of absorbance at 435 nm, while the intermediate detected in aqueous MeCN for **3b** has a maximum at 405 nm (see for instance MeCN-water 9:1 mixtures in the section above). Consequently, we can safely exclude the protonated species to be the intermediate detected with Laser Flash Photolysis.



Scheme S2

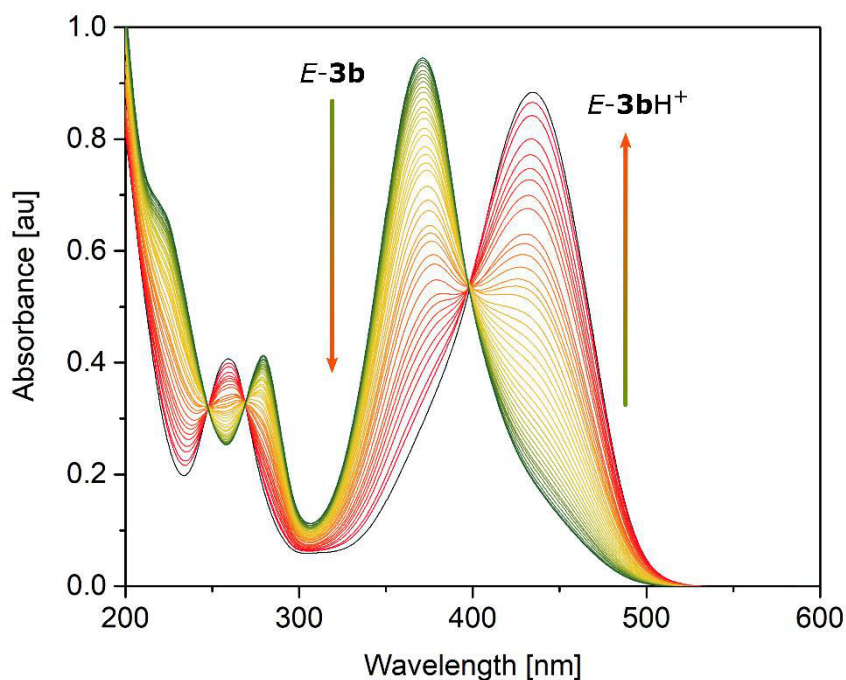
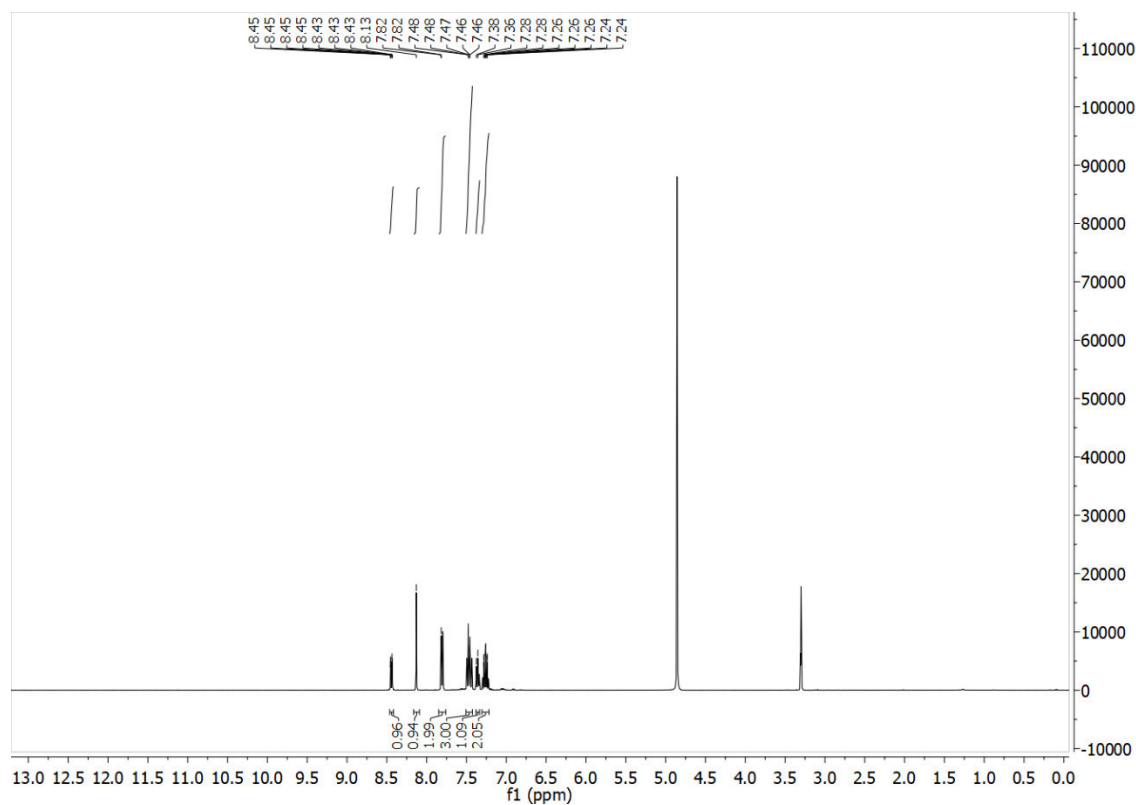


Figure A190 UV/Vis titration of **3c** with HCl in MeCN

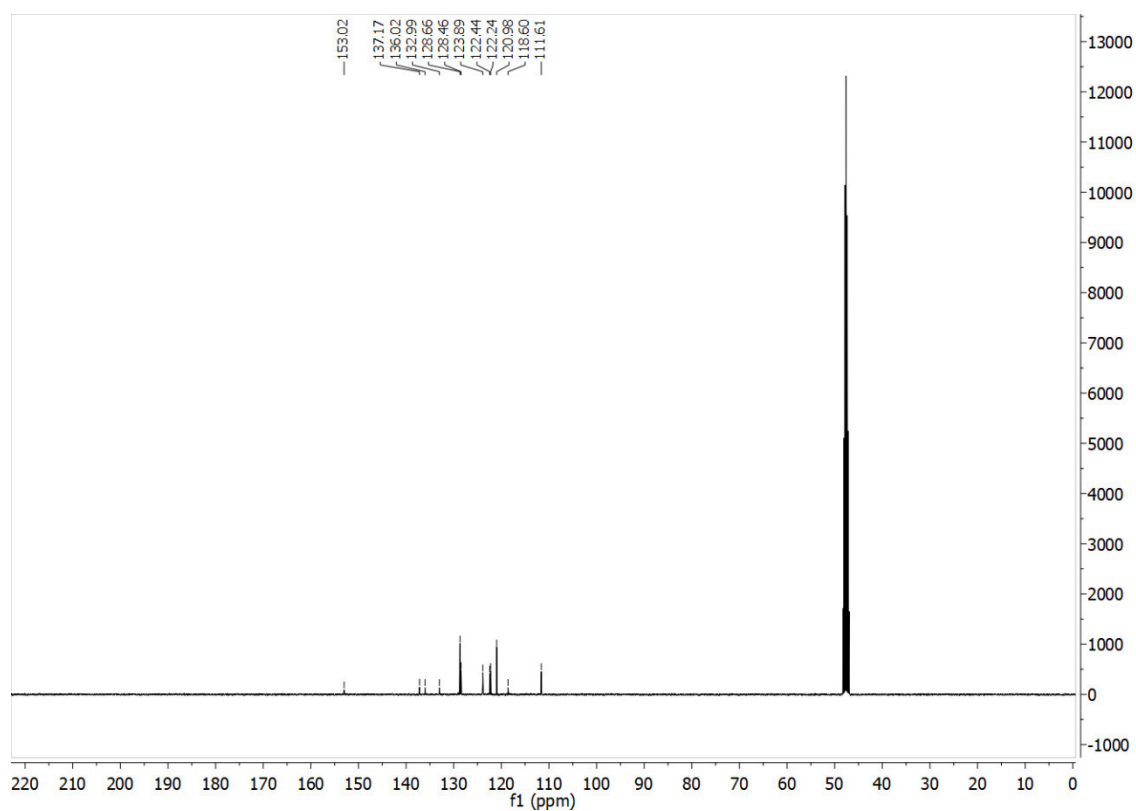
# 3 $^1\text{H}$ and $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR Experiments

## 3.2 NMR spectra of compounds 3a-c

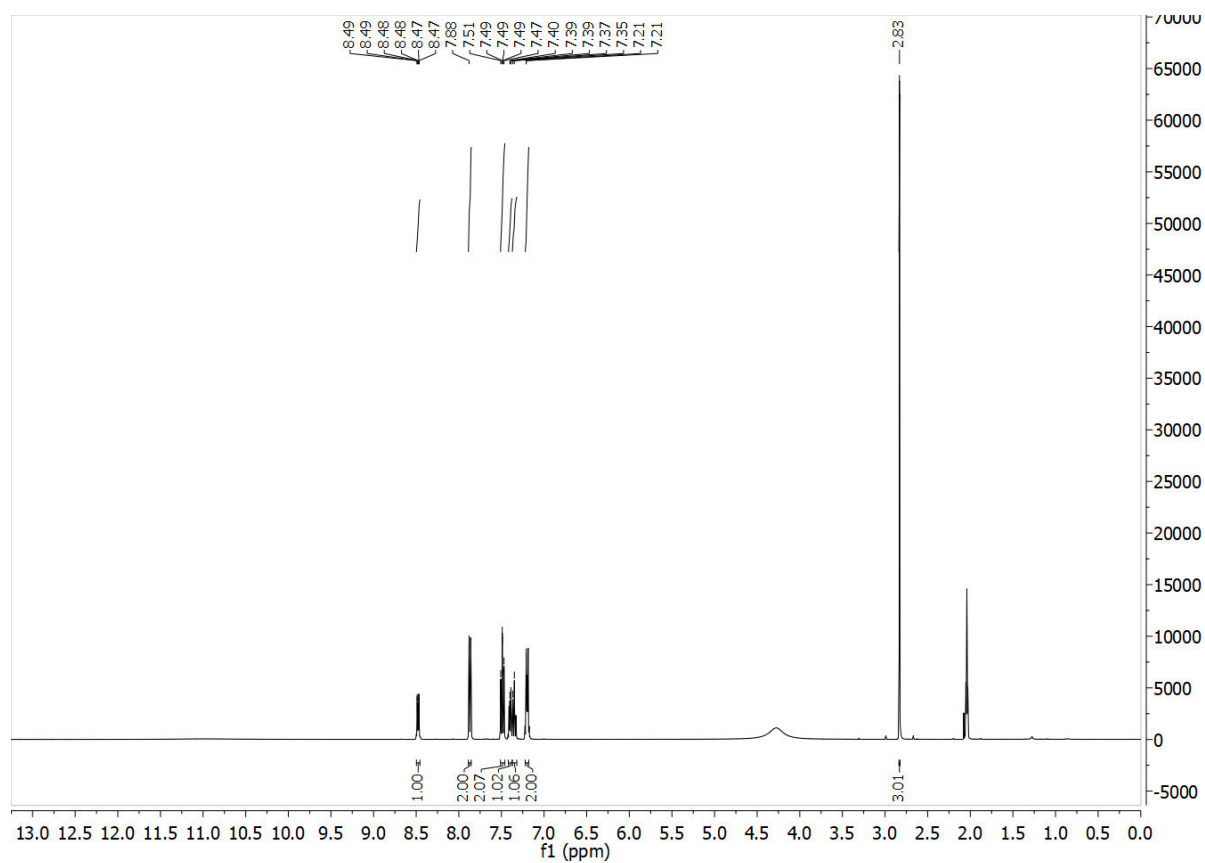
3a –  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR, 400 MHz methanol- $d$



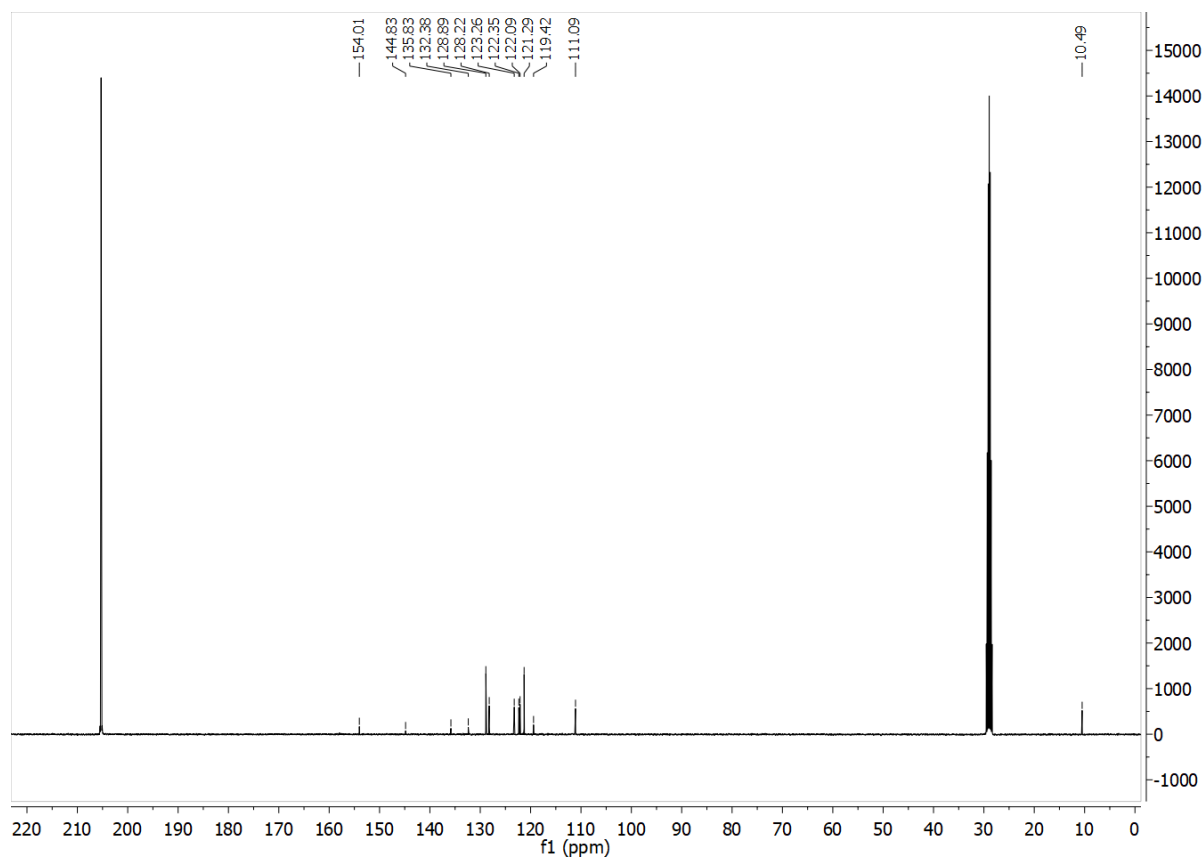
3a –  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR, 101 MHz, methanol- $d$



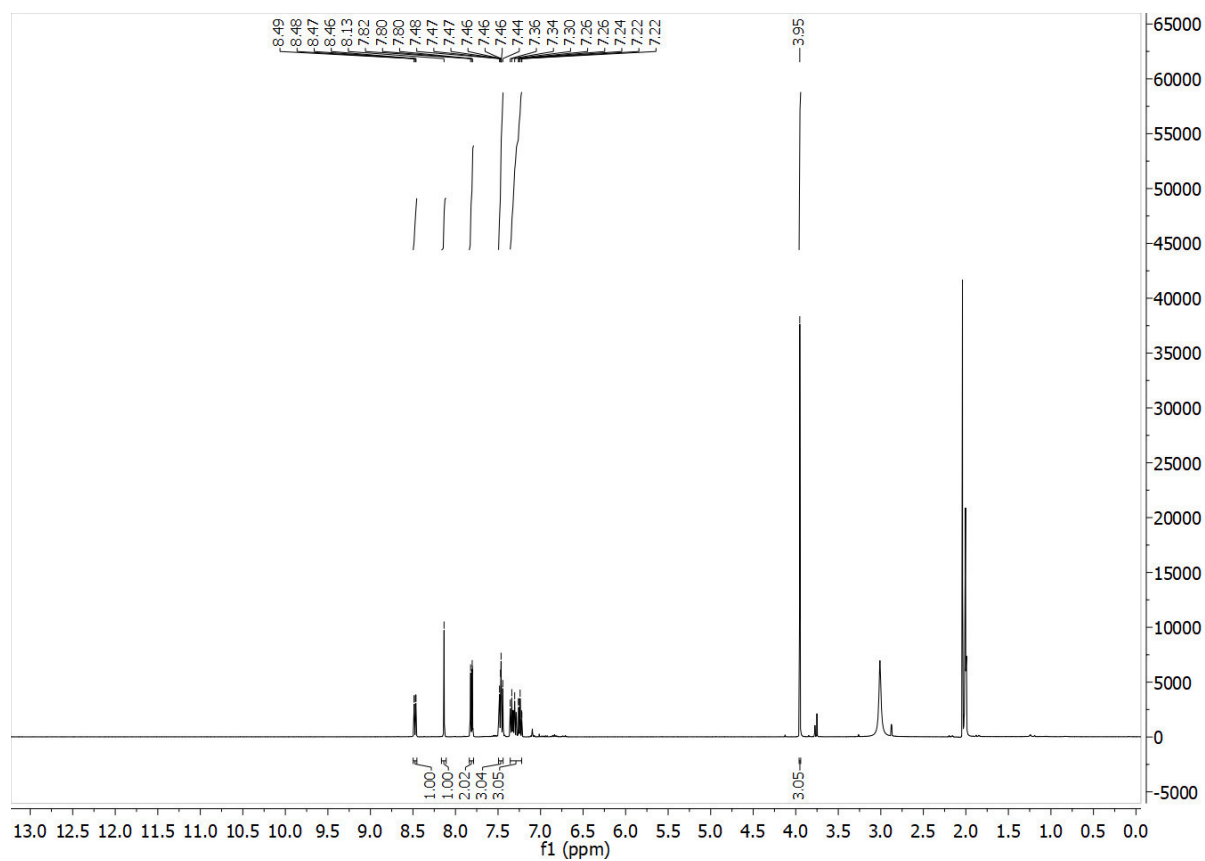
**3b** –  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR, 400 MHz, acetone- $d_6$



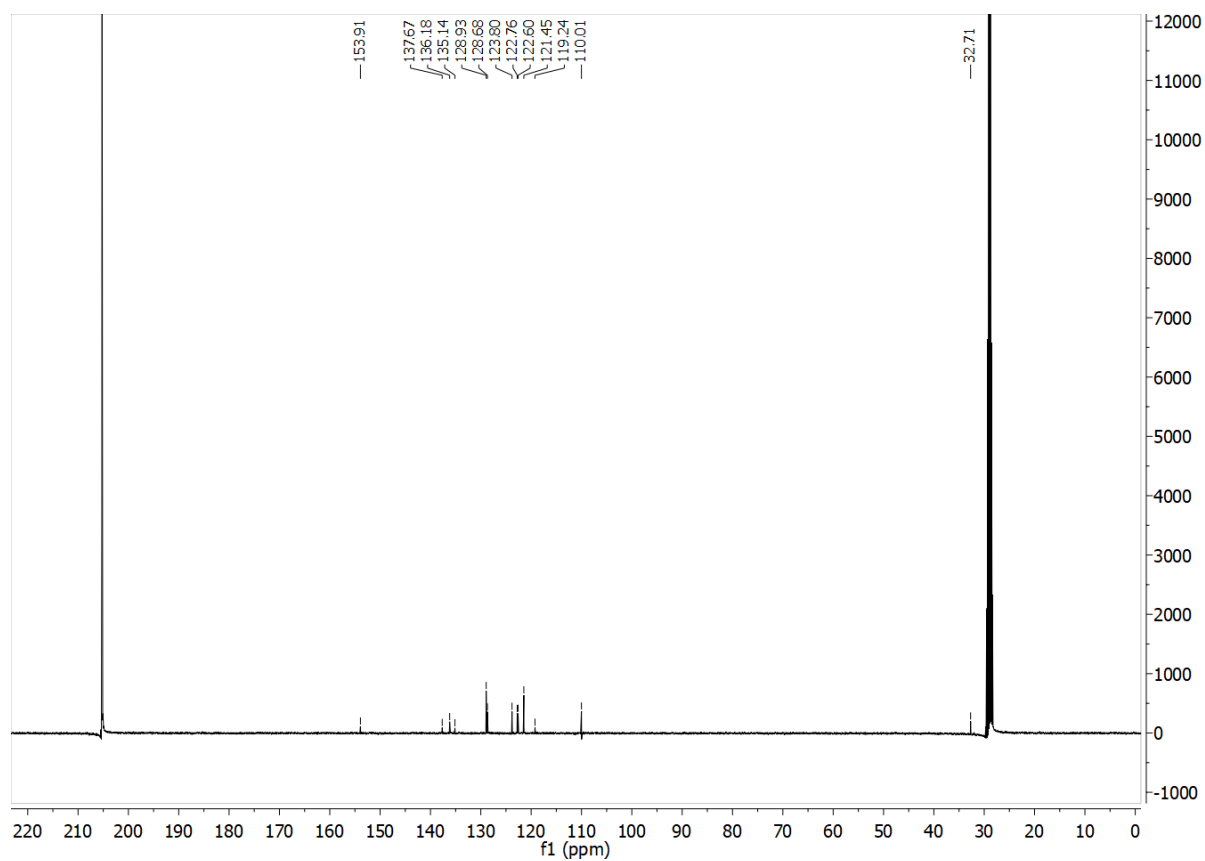
**3b** –  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR, 101 MHz, acetone- $d_6$



**3c** –  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR, 400 MHz, acetone- $d_6$



**3c** –  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR, 101 MHz, acetone- $d_6$





### 3.3 3a <sup>1</sup>H-NMR dilution experiment

In order to support the presence of an intermolecular interaction between the NH containing azoindoles studied, we decided to measure the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of compound **3a** at different concentrations. It is indeed reported in the literature that the intermolecular interactions between nitrogen heterocycles can be followed by a deviation of their NMR signals, taken at different concentrations.<sup>S3</sup> All the experiments were conducted using non-anhydrous DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>. Interestingly, the proton signal of the indolic N-H undergoes a slight high-field shift at higher dilution (ca. 0.05 ppm, from entry 1 to 10 in Table A101). This spectral variation can be ascribed to the formation of intermolecular hydrogen bonds between different molecules of **3a**, that results to be easier at higher concentrations. Thus, these experiments confirm that higher concentrations of NH-bearing azoindole lead to easier intermolecular interactions. Consequently, higher concentrations favour the intermolecular hydrazone mechanism we have proposed, as can be stated by the concentration-dependent results present in Table 1 in the main text (entries 7 and 11).

Entry	<b>3a</b> [mg]	Volume(DMSO- <i>d</i> <sub>6</sub> ) [mL]	Concentration( <b>3a</b> ) [mM]
1	70.100	0.007	45.293
2	35.050	0.007	22.647
3	17.525	0.007	11.323
4	8.763	0.007	5.662
5	4.381	0.007	2.831
6	2.191	0.007	1.415
7	1.095	0.007	0.708
8	0.548	0.007	0.354
9	0.274	0.007	0.177
10	0.137	0.007	0.088

Table A101 Concentration of the solutions of **3a** analysed by means of <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectroscopy.

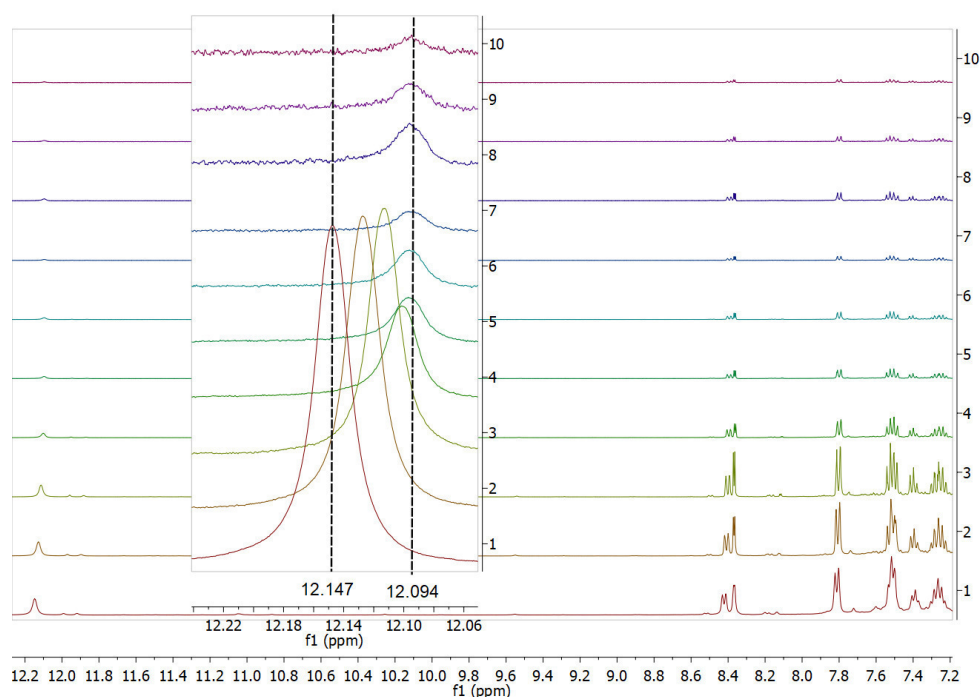
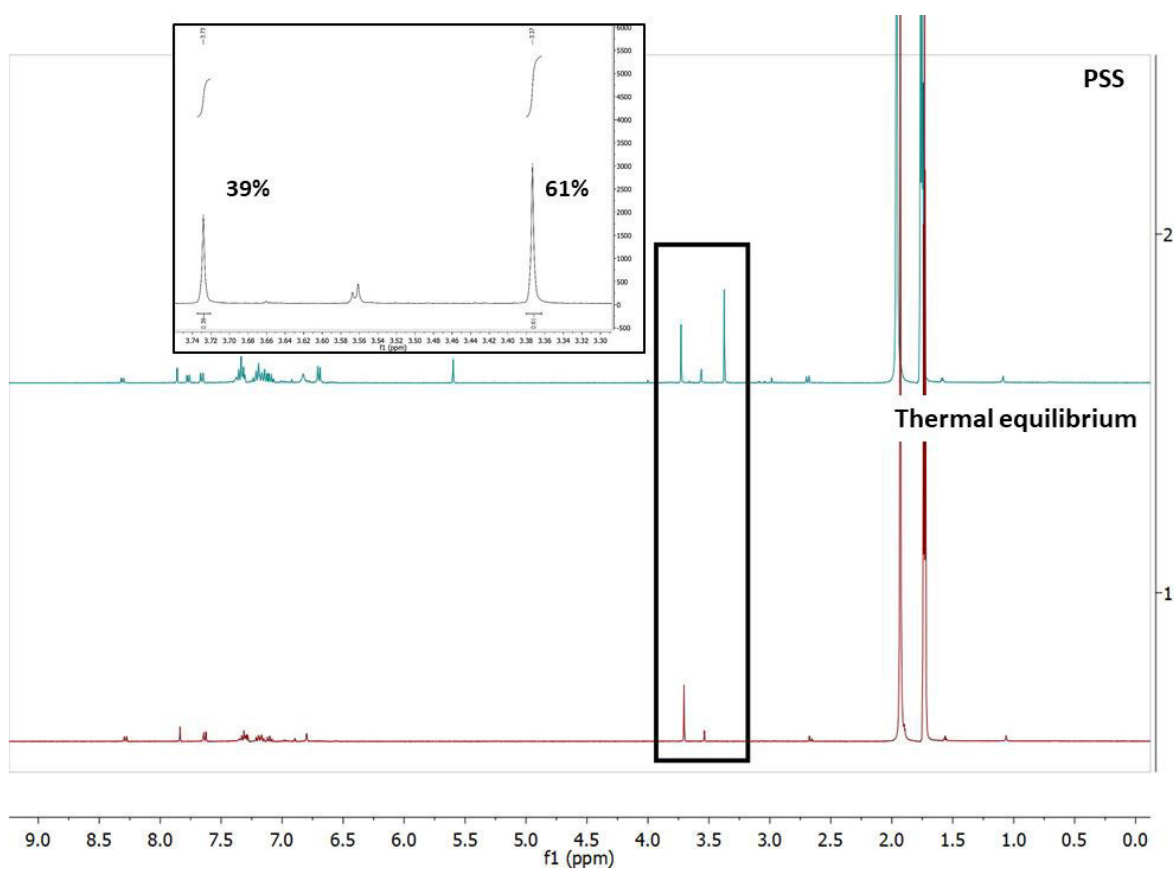


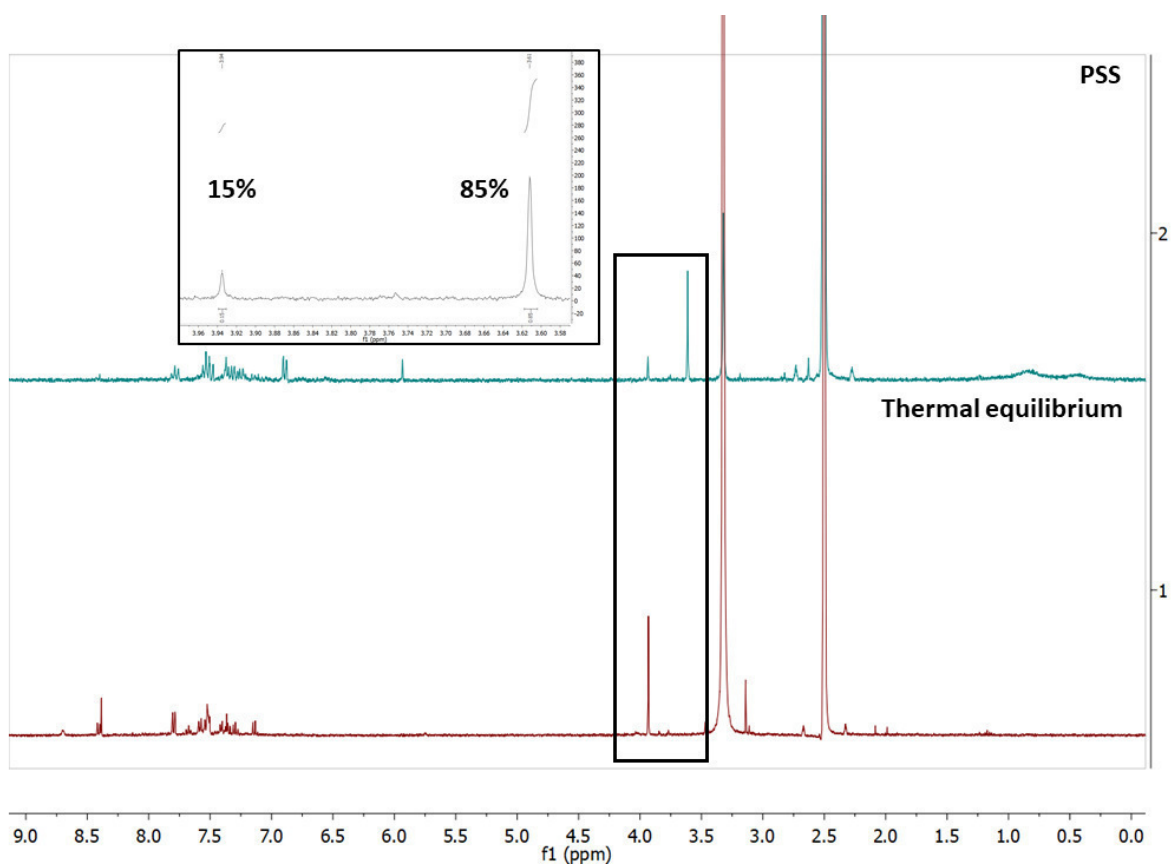
Figure A191 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR signals of the aromatic signals of **3a** at different concentrations (referred to Table A101). The inset corresponds to the shift of the NH proton signal of **3a**.

### 3.4 3c Photostationary State evaluation via $^1\text{H}$ -NMR

The evaluation of the *Z:E* Photostationary State relative population was done by means of  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectroscopy in  $\text{MeCN-}d_3$  and  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ . In order to achieve better accuracy, the *Z:E* ratio was estimated by comparing the integrals referred to the  $\text{N-CH}_3$  protons of *E-3c* (3.73 ppm in  $\text{MeCN-}d_3$ , 3.94 ppm in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) with the one of *Z-3c* (3.37 ppm in  $\text{MeCN-}d_3$ , 3.61 ppm in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ). The samples were irradiated for 15 min inside the NMR tube with the 96-365 nm LEDs furnished by the multi-plate setup (to assure maximal irradiation surface and total conversion of the *E* isomer to the PSS; for details of the setup see Section **Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte nicht gefunden werden.**) at the distance of 1 cm.



**Figure A192 3c** in  $\text{MeCN-}d_3$  at the PSS and at the thermal equilibrium. In the inset the PSS ratio is given.



**Figure A193 3c** in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> at the PSS and at the thermal equilibrium. In the inset the PSS ratio is given.

## 4 Computational details

### 4.2 Photochemical pathway

In order to clarify the photochemistry of the phenylazindoles and to find a relationship, if any, with the parent azobenzene core, we decided to study the photochemical deactivation pathways of our molecules through computational chemistry. In order to simplify the task and generalize the problem, we focused our attention on the photochemical behaviour of **3a**, taken as a reference model. The procedure used for the calculations is CASSCF, a multiconfigurational ab initio method (MCSCF) which make use of all the configurations involving a set of molecular orbitals (MOs, the so-called active space) and a given number of electrons. Hence, this set of configurations is dubbed CASSCF(*n,m*) where *n* is the number of electrons and *m* the number of orbitals involved (both occupied and virtual).<sup>S4</sup> We found that the minimal active space to achieve an acceptable quality/cost ratio was CASSCF(10,8), as a modification of active spaces proven to be effective for azobenzene.<sup>S5</sup> In particular, the  $n_+$ ,  $n_-$ ,  $\pi$  and  $\pi^*$  orbitals of the azo group are included, along with two additional  $\pi$  and two  $\pi^*$  orbitals, to obtain a more appropriated model of the substituent effects on the  $-N=N-$  group.

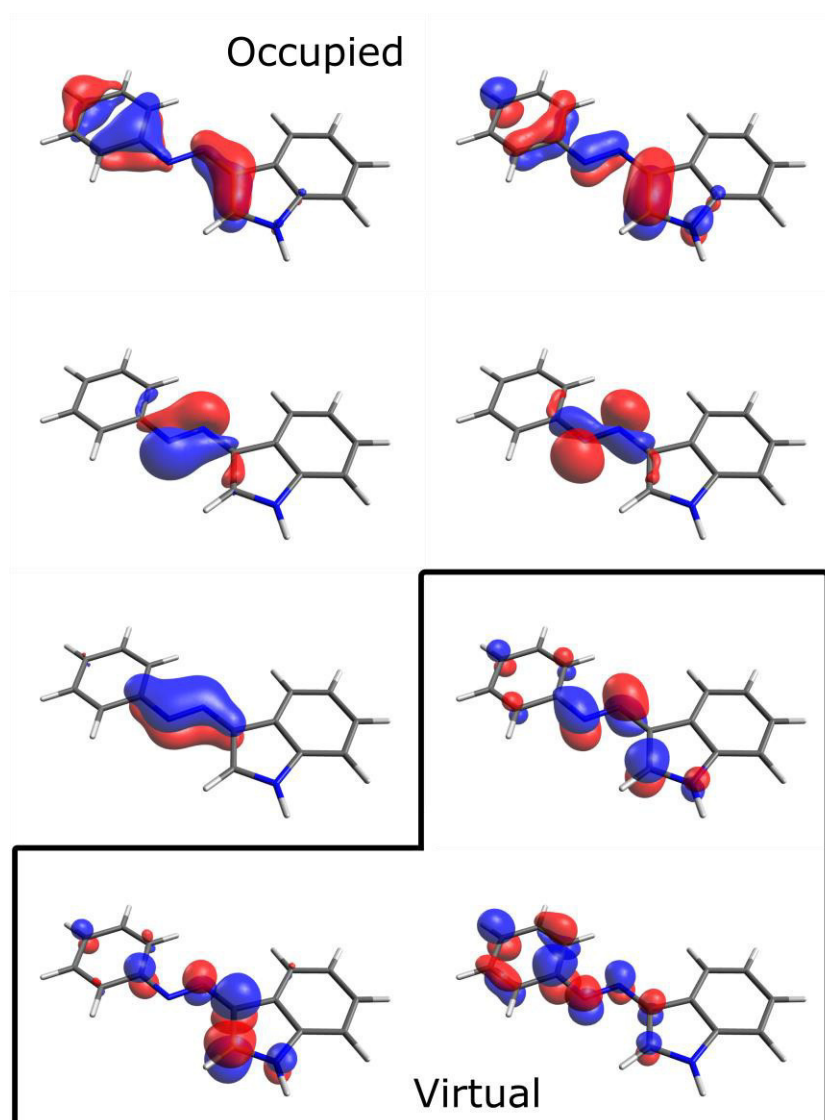
We applied the State-Averaged (SAx) CASSCF calculation, in which a single set of molecular orbitals is defined for all the *x* states that are averaged. The method has the advantage that all the orbitals in SA-CASSCF are orthogonal to each another, allowing faster calculations, even though every state possesses its own set of optimized CI (Configuration Interaction) indices.<sup>S6</sup>

SA3-CASSCF(6,6)/6-31G\* based on the three lower singlet roots was applied for stationary points optimization, as implemented in MOLCAS version v8.0.15-06-18<sup>S7</sup>. No symmetry constraints were imposed to the structures investigated. Analytical frequency calculations to evaluate the nature of minima and saddle points were carried out at the same level of theory.

The Conical Intersections (CoIns) between S2-S1 and S1-S0 of **3a** were optimized using the POLYHES method based on the Newton-Raphson formalism developed by Manaa and Yarkony as implemented in COLUMBUS version COL\_7.0\_beta suite.<sup>S8-11</sup> This method allowed the analysis of the non-adiabatic coupling vectors defining the branching space of the conical intersection. The conical intersections and minimum geometries were then connected via a Linear Interpolation of Internal Coordinate (LIIC) approach.

A multistate second-order perturbation CASPT2 treatment (MS-CASPT2) was followed to account for dynamical correlation,<sup>S12,13</sup> hence, employing a MS-CASPT2//SA3-CASSCF(10,8)/6-31G\* level of theory. The aforementioned method applies a perturbation on the energies of the CASSCF eigenvectors and afterward mixes the perturbed states, preventing artifacts near conical intersections (CoIn) or avoided crossing to arise, as observed by Serrano-Andrés *et al.*<sup>S14</sup> To avoid the intruder states (mostly Rydberg ones) to cause singularities in the CASPT2 computed energies, an Imaginary Level Shift of 0.25 Hartree was introduced.<sup>S15</sup>

The visualization of the structures and orbitals generated by Molcas and COLUMBUS was achieved using Avogadro<sup>S16</sup> and Multiwfn.<sup>S17</sup>



**Figure A194** Active space of *E-3a*. The occupied (in the upper part of the figure) and virtual (in the lower part) orbitals for *E-3a* that are taken into account into the active space are depicted.

It has to be noted that the considered pathways and the conical intersections found were limited to the photochemical Trans→Cis isomerization pathway, in which we are interested for the aim of this work. A more complete and accurate analysis of all the pathways and conical intersections, comprehending the photochemical Cis→Trans conversion, are currently ongoing and will be the matter of future works.

### 4.2.1 Cartesian coordinates

Geometries optimized at the SA3-CASSCF(10,8)/6-31G\* level of theory.

#### *E-3a*

	X	Y	Z
C	-9.01779041	-4.90011336	-0.88770925
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C	-8.80085605	-3.40880677	0.98482361
C	-7.54181504	-3.04145432	0.56611261
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#### *Z-3a*

	X	Y	Z
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C	-7.74396083	-3.20078694	0.44025239
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Coin<sub>A</sub>

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Coin<sub>C</sub>

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SA3-CASSCF/6-31G* [Hartree]			
	S <sub>0</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>2</sub>
<i>E-3a</i>	-699.92876149	-699.81064407	-699.72608296
<i>Z-3a</i>	-699.90776790	-699.78488785	-699.70643530
Coin <sub>A</sub>	-699.84265720	-699.84260168	-699.77698629
Coin <sub>B</sub>	-699.80591456	-699.80513083	-699.75139670
Coin <sub>C</sub>	-699.85035057	-699.75476638	-699.75462444
MS-CASPT2//SA3-CASSCF/6-31G* [Hartree]			
	S <sub>0</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>2</sub>
<i>E-3a</i>	-702.10460284	-701.99885899	-701.93663368
<i>Z-3a</i>	-702.08628627	-701.97472257	-701.89834876
Coin <sub>A</sub>	-702.02922684	-702.01878944	-701.95908857
Coin <sub>B</sub>	-701.98672907	-701.98128933	-701.93192274
Coin <sub>C</sub>	-702.03582954	-701.96101351	-701.94309758

**Table A102** Energies of the optimized geometries regarding the photochemical pathway.



#### 4.2.2 Topological analysis of the conical intersections.

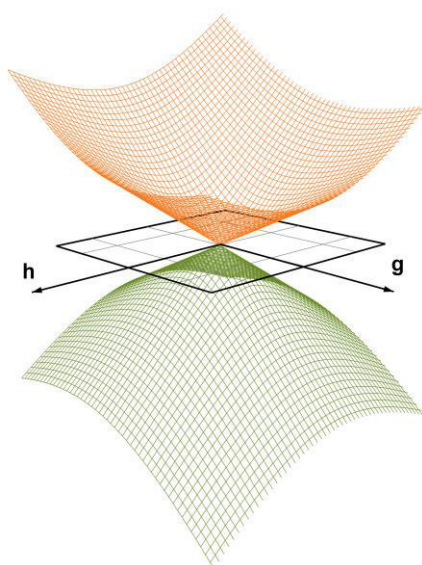
It is known that the topography of the region around the conical intersection influences the dynamics of the system.<sup>11,18</sup> The inclination and symmetry of the conical provide hints on the probability of the molecule to return on the upper state or choosing one pathway in respect of another. The topography of the region around the conical intersection is defined by a set of four parameters:  $\sigma_x$ ,  $\sigma_y$ ,  $\Delta_{gh}$  and  $d_{gh}$ .<sup>S11</sup> Thereby,  $\sigma_i$  controls the tilt of the cone away from the vertical direction along the direction of the gradient difference ( $\mathbf{g}$ ,  $i=x$ ) and derivative coupling ( $\mathbf{h}$ ,  $i=y$ ) vectors,  $\Delta_{gh}$  determines the deviation from cylindrical symmetry, and  $d_{gh}$  controls the pitch of the cone. The energies describing the upper ( $E_{sup}$ ) and lower ( $E_{inf}$ ) parts of the branching space are the following:

$$E_{sup} = d_{gh} \left( \sigma_x x + \sigma_y y + \sqrt{\left( \frac{x^2 + y^2}{2} + \Delta_{gh} \frac{x^2 - y^2}{2} \right)} \right) \quad (1)$$

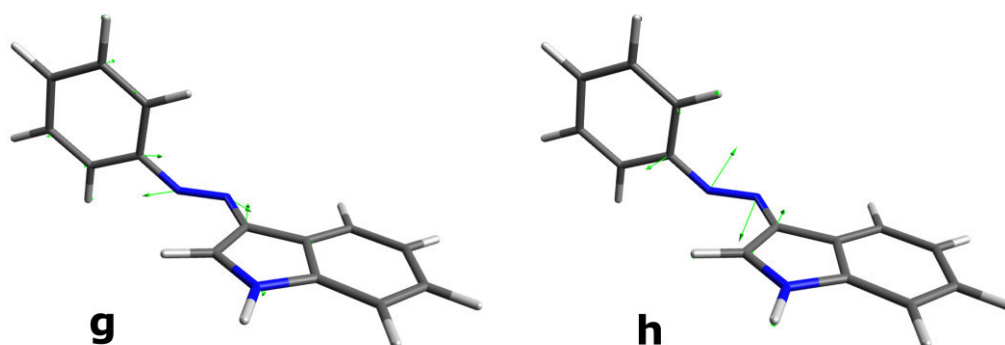
$$E_{inf} = d_{gh} \left( \sigma_x x + \sigma_y y - \sqrt{\left( \frac{x^2 + y^2}{2} + \Delta_{gh} \frac{x^2 - y^2}{2} \right)} \right) \quad (2)$$

The energies given in the following tables regarding the energy surfaces of the branching space of the CoIns are expressed in eV.

$S_0 \leftarrow S_1$  (CoIn<sub>A</sub>)



**Figure A195** Branching space of the Conical Intersection CoIn<sub>A</sub>, connecting S<sub>1</sub> and S<sub>0</sub>.



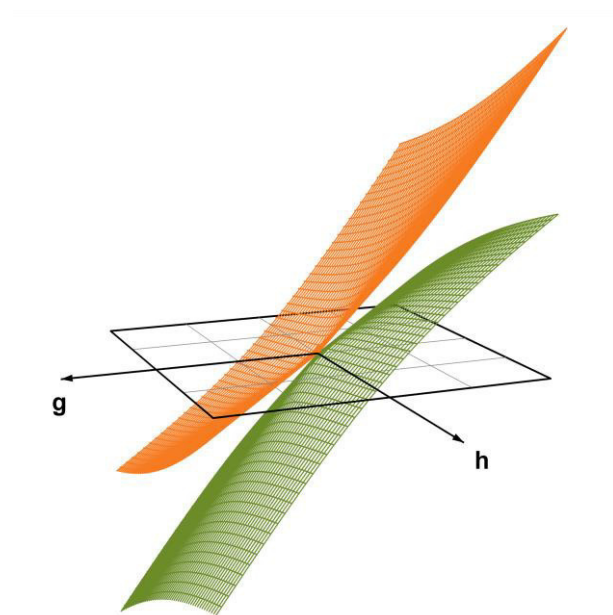
**Figure A196** Normalized gradient difference (**g**) and Derivative Coupling (**h**) non-orthogonalized vectors of CoIn<sub>A</sub>.

$\sigma_x$	-0.271
$\sigma_y$	0.147
$\Delta_{gh}$	-0.06
$d_{gh}(\text{eV/\AA})$	5.44

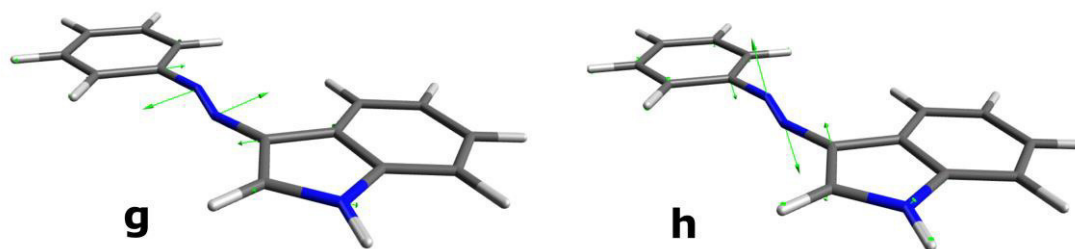
**Table A103** Parameters defining the topology of CoIn<sub>A</sub>

The  $g$ – $h$  space is defined by the distortion of the geometry towards either *E*-**3a** (**g** vector) or *Z*-**3a** (**h** vector). This CoIn resembles the rotational conical intersection typical of azobenzene.<sup>S19</sup> The slightly negative  $\Delta_{gh}$  value corresponds to a minimal asymmetry of the otherwise cylindrical double cone towards  $x$  (**g**, direction of the *E*-**3a** formation). The conical is pitched, due to the high value of  $d_{gh}$ . The topology of the conical and its symmetry suggest that the transition from S<sub>1</sub> to S<sub>0</sub> is extremely efficient (due to its peaked shape)<sup>S20</sup> and slightly favours the formation of *E* in respect to *Z*. Anyways, both of the isomers can be accessed.

$S_0 \leftarrow S_1$  (CoIn<sub>B</sub>)



**Figure A197** Branching space of the Conical Intersection CoIn<sub>B</sub>, connecting S<sub>1</sub> and S<sub>0</sub>.



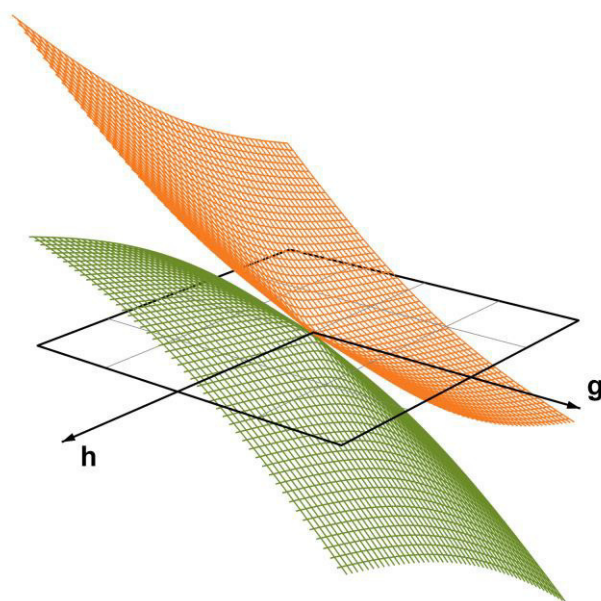
**Figure A198** Normalized gradient difference (**g**) and Derivative Coupling (**h**) non-orthogonalized vectors of CoIn<sub>B</sub>.

$\sigma_x$	2.041
$\sigma_y$	0.837
$\Delta_{gh}$	0.34
$d_{gh}$ (eV/Å)	4.97

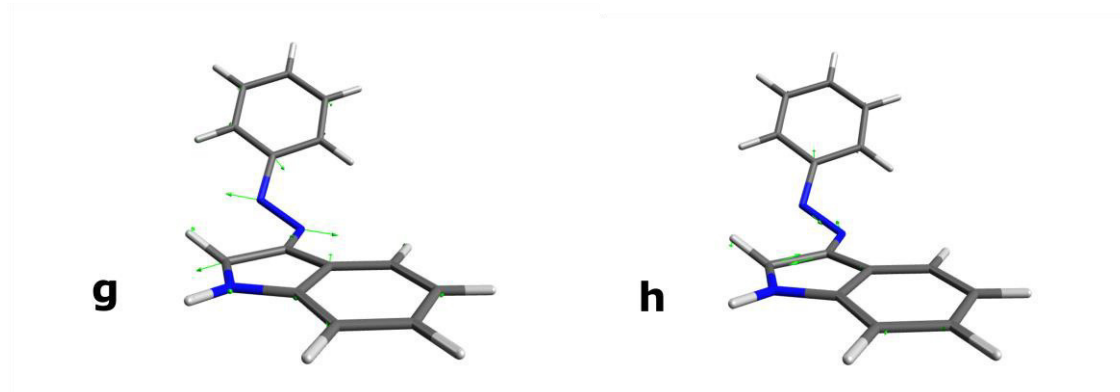
**Table A104** Parameters defining the topology of CoIn<sub>B</sub>

The degeneracy of this conical intersection can be lifted by falling into the *E*-**3a** isomer geometry, both from the distortion depicted by **g** and **h**. CoIn<sub>B</sub> resembles the elongated conical intersection of azobenzene that connects S<sub>0</sub> and S<sub>1</sub>. Due to its position compared to the Franck-Condon geometry of S<sub>1</sub> (see Table A102), this geometry is accessible only after populating S<sub>2</sub> and funnelling through CoIn<sub>C</sub>. Due to the impossibility to form *Z*-**3a**, CoIn<sub>B</sub> lowers the quantum efficiency of the *E*-to-*Z* photochemical isomerization from S<sub>2</sub>. A parallel of this point, regarding the topology and behaviour, can be found in the parent azobenzene.<sup>S21</sup> The conical intersection is elongated toward y, shifting from the cylindrical symmetry. Moreover, it is extremely tilted toward the x direction, and possesses a peaked shape of the two cones.

$S_1 \leftarrow S_2$  (CoIn<sub>C</sub>)



**Figure A199** Branching space of the Conical Intersection CoIn<sub>C</sub>, connecting S<sub>2</sub> and S<sub>1</sub>.



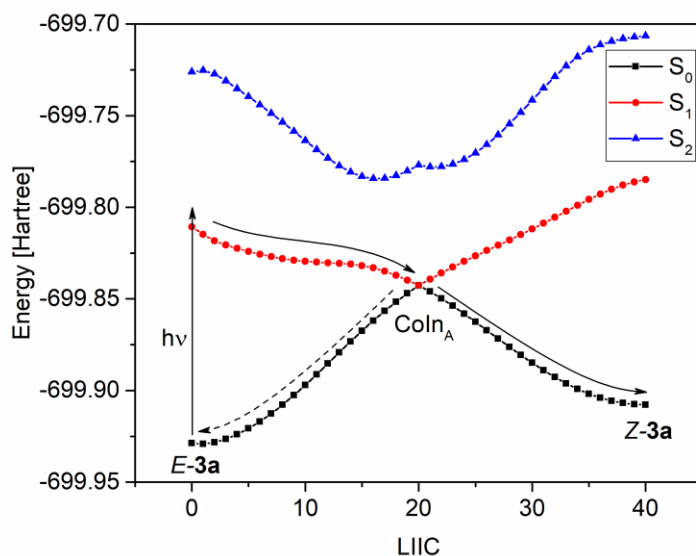
**Figure A200** Normalized gradient difference (**g**) and Derivative Coupling (**h**) non-orthogonalized vectors of CoIn<sub>C</sub>.

$\sigma_x$	1.115
$\sigma_y$	-0.939
$\Delta_{gh}$	0.06
$d_{gh}$ (eV/Å)	5.56

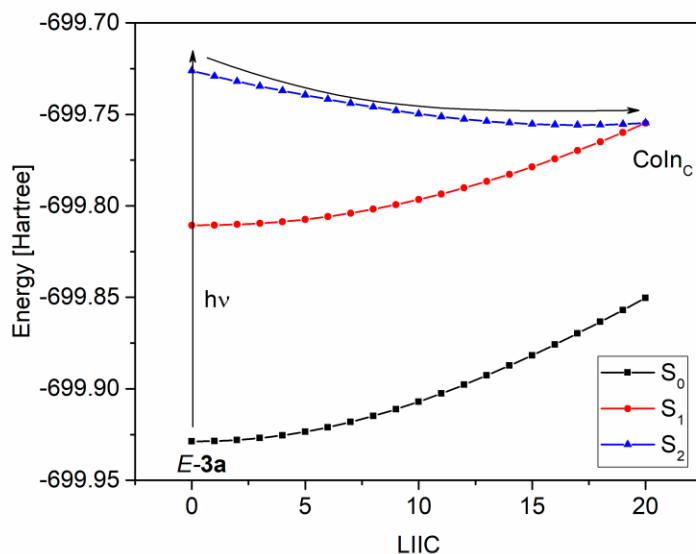
**Table A105** Parameters defining the topology of CoIn<sub>C</sub>

The **g** vector of CoIn<sub>C</sub> deforms the molecule toward the rotation coordinate, favouring the population of geometries similar to the one belonging to CoIn<sub>A</sub>. On the other hand, **h** lifts the degeneracy in the direction of either the trans isomer on the S<sub>1</sub> surface (that will eventually funnel through CoIn<sub>A</sub>) or CoIn<sub>B</sub> (that will deactivate the molecule reforming the *E* starting reagent). CoIn<sub>C</sub> is characterized by a cylindrical geometry slightly deformed toward y ( $\Delta_{gh}=0.06$ ). The conical is overall tilted both in the x and y direction, letting the two aforementioned pathways to be equally probable. The efficiency of the S<sub>1</sub>←S<sub>2</sub> funnelling is mirrored by the peaked shape of the double-cone ( $d_{gh}=5.56$ ).

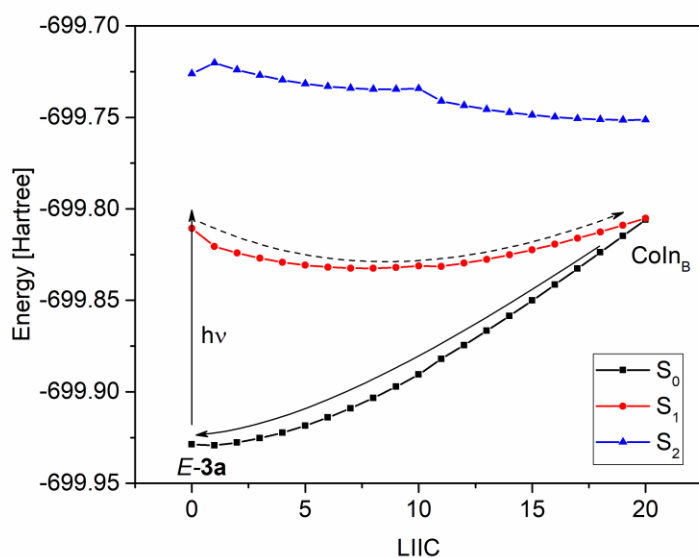
### 4.2.3 Linear Interpolation of Internal Coordinates (LIIC) Pathways



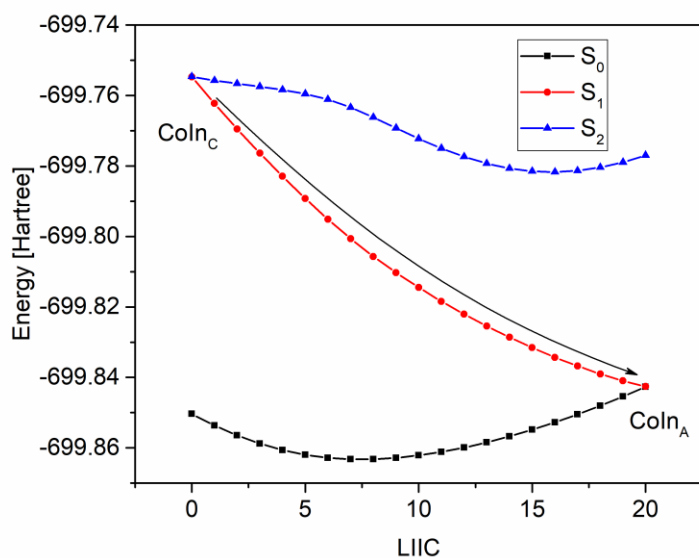
**Figure A201** LIIC pathway connecting the Franck-Condon geometry of  $E-3a$  at the  $S_1$  (after vertical  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  excitation) with the geometry of  $CoIn_A$  (in red, from point 0 to point 20. The corresponding energies at the  $S_0$  and  $S_2$  are also shown.) and LIIC pathway connecting  $CoIn_A$  to  $Z-3a$  (in black, from point 20 to point 40. The corresponding energies at the  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are also shown.). This trajectory is barrierless.



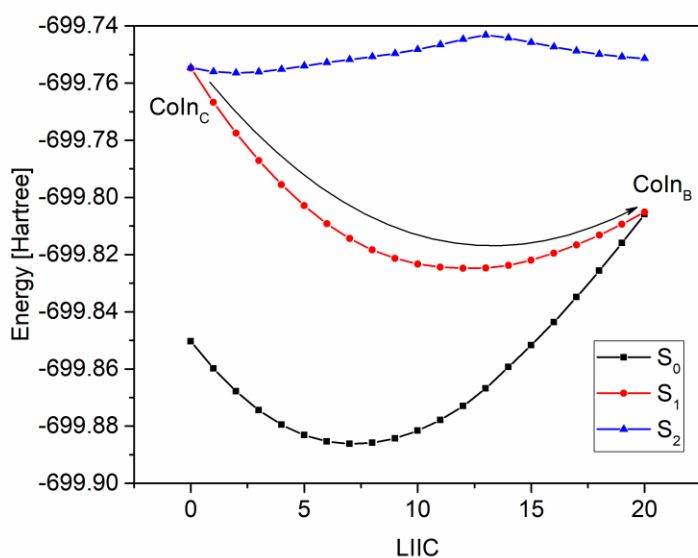
**Figure A202** LIIC pathway (in blue) connecting the Franck-Condon geometry of  $E-3a$  at the  $S_2$  (after vertical  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  excitation) with the geometry of  $CoIn_C$ . This trajectory is barrierless. The corresponding energies at the  $S_0$  and  $S_1$  are also shown.



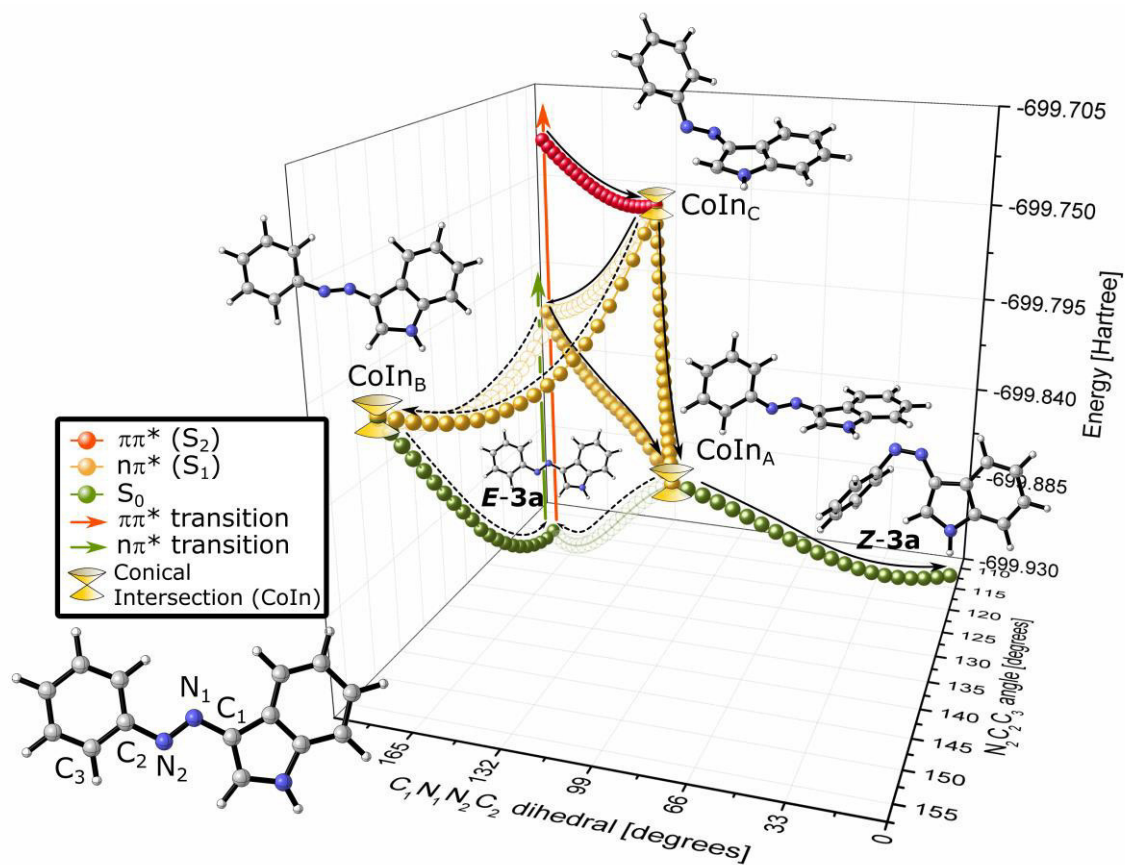
**Figure A203** LIIC pathway (in red) connecting the Franck-Condon geometry of *E-3a* at the  $S_1$  (after vertical  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  excitation) with the geometry of  $\text{CoIn}_B$ . The trajectory describes an endergonic pathway ( $\Delta E = +11$  kcal/mol at the MS-CASPT2). The corresponding energies at the  $S_0$  and  $S_2$  are also shown.



**Figure A204** LIIC pathway connecting  $\text{CoIn}_C$  to  $\text{CoIn}_A$ . This trajectory is barrierless. The corresponding energies at the  $S_0$  and  $S_2$  are also shown.



**Figure A205** LIIC pathway connecting CoIn<sub>C</sub> to CoIn<sub>B</sub>. This trajectory is globally exergonic ( $\Delta E = -13 \text{ kcal/mol}$  at the MS-CASPT2 level of theory). The corresponding energies at the  $S_0$  and  $S_2$  are also shown.



**Figure A206** LIIC pathways describing the photochemical *E*-to-*Z* isomerization (bold arrows. The dashed arrows represent the pathways that lead to the formation of the *E* reagent). In order to depict in a single picture the LIIC shown in the previous figures, the energy of the system (in Hartree) is plotted as a function of the  $C_1N_1N_2C_2$  (see inset) dihedral and  $N_2C_2C_3$  angle.

### 4.3 TD-DFT UV/Vis simulations

The TD-DFT simulation was carried out using Gaussian 09, Revision D.01 and Gaussian 16, Revision A.03 software packages.<sup>22</sup> The most stable trans- and cis-isomers (between the different ones screened with the B3LYP/3-21G approach) were further optimised using the B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p) level of theory. The UV/Vis spectra were simulated at the (C)-PCM-PBE0/6-311+G(2d,p) level (solvent: DMSO), computing the lowest 25 singlet transitions. We found, after a peculiar benchmark, that this approach gives better results in terms of accuracy of the position of the predicted bands, compared to the experimental ones. The benchmark and an in-deep analysis of the spectroscopic properties of the arylazoindoles will be the subject of a future publication.

The UV/Vis band was plotted as  $\epsilon$  vs  $\lambda$  (excitation wavelength in nm) with the peaks, furnished by the calculation, assuming a gaussian band shape (characterized by a standard deviation  $\sigma=0.4\text{eV}$ ). The equation for the simulated spectra follows the one described in the Gaussian White Papers<sup>1</sup>:

$$\epsilon(\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i(\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ 1.3062974 \times 10^8 \frac{f_i}{\frac{10^7}{3099.6}} \exp \left[ - \left( \frac{\frac{1}{\lambda} - \frac{1}{\lambda_i}}{\frac{1}{3099.6}} \right)^2 \right] \right\} \quad (3)$$

with  $f_i$  the computed oscillator strengths, referred to a specific wavelength  $\lambda_i$ .

We are interested in the nature of the two lowest transitions, to seek a comparison, if any, with azobenzene and unravel the nature of the intermediate we have found using laser flash photolysis. Hence, the calculations were made on the optimized structures of *E*-**3a-c**, *Z*-**3a-c** and the two most stable rotational isomers (*s*-trans and *s*-cis) of the hydrazone form of **3b**.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://dev.gaussian.com/uvvisplot/>



### 4.3.1 Cartesian coordinates

#### *E-3a*

	X	Y	Z
C	-9.6872703203	0.7975455704	1.0134847347
C	-9.8379456993	2.1621515239	0.762393773
C	-8.7515754188	2.9057112926	0.3137552264
C	-7.5220904316	2.2891308025	0.117233506
C	-7.3679126933	0.9235936823	0.3676346424
C	-8.4637242361	0.1762593514	0.819602174
N	-6.0712841141	0.399629475	0.133374074
N	-5.9491057746	-0.8337725713	0.3649581614
C	-4.6935501683	-1.3618494747	0.1425003584
C	-3.4451711152	-0.7819741024	-0.31557527
C	-2.506002377	-1.8398500951	-0.3396663213
N	-3.1559658262	-2.9924226619	0.0813202506
C	-4.4563906063	-2.7038928623	0.3670986547
C	-3.0286261039	0.497805502	-0.7014713999
C	-1.7110423241	0.6810714808	-1.0930589799
C	-0.7977304597	-0.3842661032	-1.1086666807
C	-1.1832100805	-1.6616969831	-0.7315549021
H	-10.5339016809	0.2178338383	1.3631573414
H	-10.7983062914	2.6396194693	0.9167472723
H	-8.861671055	3.9655181788	0.1168934218
H	-6.6634491826	2.8497223328	-0.2316534885
H	-8.3372470726	-0.8803796584	1.011418721
H	-2.7327231829	-3.9012770656	0.1633739032
H	-5.1466290504	-3.4558389838	0.7129988428
H	-3.7304558308	1.3183363651	-0.6898412966
H	-1.3771431935	1.6668153173	-1.3938167736
H	0.2245719623	-0.2070683317	-1.4200203961
H	-0.4799914216	-2.4864542851	-0.7426215639

#### *Z-3a*

C	-7.9285757895	-4.5072081977	-2.0056470992
C	-8.2435623858	-5.1888100993	-0.8328382243
C	-8.1486984277	-4.5306464671	0.3906365538
C	-7.7301878352	-3.2058655279	0.4471140797
C	-7.3891928669	-2.5356721049	-0.7284683119
C	-7.5084427926	-3.1826768238	-1.9592723262
N	-7.0626781979	-1.1439734054	-0.684484859
N	-5.8876028941	-0.7260258575	-0.5870795168
C	-4.7372171097	-1.5184846961	-0.5030078489
C	-3.4488852407	-0.8667468945	-0.4047398234
C	-2.472932749	-1.880259718	-0.3298713443
N	-3.1443060361	-3.0918816828	-0.3798174205
C	-4.4883356693	-2.8863902653	-0.482949545
C	-3.0466586111	0.4727050351	-0.3751144183
C	-1.6949478596	0.7550094278	-0.2728209233
C	-0.7368272163	-0.271673095	-0.1995899798
C	-1.1111456167	-1.6053357101	-0.2269575196
H	-8.0169381706	-5.0064434296	-2.9636266214
H	-8.5765174061	-6.2187143138	-0.8734843206
H	-8.4090574785	-5.0481820969	1.3066769295
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H	-5.1598600788	-3.7236611954	-0.5327649742
H	-3.7849814568	1.2619439553	-0.431571067
H	-1.3643519114	1.7863498293	-0.2483972328
H	0.3126134064	-0.0154049884	-0.1203422385
H	-0.3735409194	-2.3973657723	-0.1706052003

**E-3b**

C	4.610185	0.869655	0.000027
C	5.279741	-0.36034	0.000028
C	4.546188	-1.548086	0.000001
C	3.153034	-1.506483	-0.00003
C	2.478393	-0.277168	-0.000029
C	3.220665	0.917479	-0.000001
N	1.063048	-0.355277	-0.000055
N	0.476929	0.773123	0.000039
C	-0.899833	0.724933	0.000003
C	-1.846244	-0.376625	0.
C	-3.13586	0.212651	0.000009
N	-2.965311	1.593487	0.000104
C	-1.633995	1.910083	0.000024
C	-1.742684	-1.776079	0.000005
C	-2.910586	-2.53391	-0.00001
C	-4.179467	-1.9259	-0.000007
C	-4.310312	-0.53964	0.000014
H	5.180552	1.795383	0.000045
H	6.366155	-0.389005	0.000049
H	5.058914	-2.506355	0.000003
H	2.560899	-2.416892	-0.000053
H	2.688563	1.8622	-0.000001
H	-3.713598	2.270633	-0.000358
H	-0.765062	-2.241538	0.000014
H	-2.842684	-3.618424	-0.000014
H	-5.071983	-2.545473	-0.000016
H	-5.288206	-0.064878	0.000027
C	-1.152458	3.324452	-0.00005
H	-0.532765	3.52704	0.879743
H	-0.534232	3.527504	-0.880781
H	-1.989824	4.030335	0.000823

**Z-3c**

C	-2.837559	-0.125215	1.942392
C	-4.096456	0.277406	1.4857
C	-4.414071	0.144331	0.131996
C	-3.481763	-0.388343	-0.756558
C	-2.202914	-0.750314	-0.30896
C	-1.88955	-0.631494	1.055563
N	-1.361244	-1.432777	-1.245431
N	-0.119659	-1.256287	-1.339518
C	0.592771	-0.20707	-0.730122
C	1.93923	-0.399757	-0.240643
C	2.430281	0.877077	0.124964
N	1.434475	1.793474	-0.170017
C	0.328576	1.158701	-0.699099
C	2.752887	-1.527747	-0.059771
C	4.025867	-1.351989	0.471
C	4.494735	-0.073752	0.834768
C	3.703889	1.059315	0.669163
H	-2.592755	-0.047973	2.998656
H	-4.828517	0.674918	2.183185
H	-5.396314	0.437022	-0.229585
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H	5.492232	0.030475	1.252567
H	4.065185	2.045029	0.950555
C	-0.836082	1.950906	-1.19341
H	-1.309477	1.450995	-2.042504
H	-1.605564	2.073857	-0.420703
H	-0.518959	2.947569	-1.523043

*S-trans hydrazone of 3a*

C	4.222142581	-1.7932552063	0.
C	5.3003279164	-0.9026173824	0.
C	5.0536870585	0.4725631171	0.
C	3.7467220115	0.9563956755	0.
C	2.6721240886	0.0550628309	0.
C	2.909165547	-1.3271498927	0.
N	1.3688945773	0.5784438918	0.
N	0.3068487236	-0.1978863827	0.
C	-0.8982604347	0.3106795422	0.
C	-2.1195002882	-0.4940035797	0.
C	-3.1738807565	0.4467220656	0.
N	-2.6887492297	1.7791164213	0.
C	-1.3865592428	1.6986375345	0.
C	-2.385410602	-1.8609129826	0.
C	-3.7237897415	-2.2732157114	0.
C	-4.7685969559	-1.3375418929	0.
C	-4.5045537543	0.0378297958	0.
H	4.4022942917	-2.8646728076	0.
H	6.3197826934	-1.2763909439	0.
H	5.8805302831	1.1769383455	0.
H	3.5587102313	2.027100912	0.
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H	1.2712175317	1.5924687961	0.
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H	-5.7978390514	-1.6855096833	0.
H	-5.3088519591	0.7679820164	0.
H	-0.7763488993	2.5976208987	0.

*S-cis hydrazone of 3a*

C	-3.7392273976	0.3916102563	1.710032121
C	-4.3164045868	0.9795482001	0.5811165283
C	-3.9046985453	0.596678328	-0.6984110791
C	-2.9104838862	-0.3708143543	-0.8533624662
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N	-1.3142359658	-1.9528901301	0.1252149276
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C	0.6211682625	-0.6541703341	0.1027608746
C	2.0839069976	-0.5883690632	0.0079553598
C	2.4001621218	0.7839079048	0.1029415575
N	1.2375359142	1.5780526227	0.2503379076
C	0.2212115276	0.7586989033	0.2504101623
C	3.0901711647	-1.5397581037	-0.1420176991
C	4.4172244514	-1.0970781954	-0.1954767519
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***S-trans hydrazone of 3b***

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***S-cis hydrazone of 3b***

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N	1.627795	1.815036	-0.367578
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C	2.908727	-1.556777	0.175927
C	4.225603	-1.317382	0.591238
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H	-5.240799	0.771403	1.914356
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**E-3c**

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**Z-3c**

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H	-1.4159149864	-3.6934348365	-0.9380145974

### 4.3.2 Computed electronic transitions

For the seek of simplicity only the lowest five transitions are reported. For each transition the excitation energy in eV, the associated wavelength in nm and the value of the oscillator strength ( $f$ ) are given. Moreover, the index of the orbitals involved in the transition (dubbed as Occupied  $\rightarrow$  Unoccupied) with their largest coefficient in the CI expansion are reported. Pictures of the orbitals of the two lowest transitions are also given.

An interesting feature of the azoindoles studied is the oscillator strength associated with the lowest transition, that is always of  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  nature (*vide infra*). All the *E*- isomers of **3a-c** possess  $f=0$  for the lowest transition, due to the  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  excitation is symmetry forbidden in azo-compounds.<sup>S23</sup> On the other hand, the *Z*- configuration in azobenzene breaks the symmetry limitations, due to its non-planar geometry. However, *Z*-**3a,b** most stable conformer is characterized by  $C_{2v}$  symmetry, because the phenyl ring is preferably positioned in an orthogonal fashion compared to the indole ring. Probably, the minor sterical demands of the five-membered cycle inside the indole, in respect to benzene in azobenzene, allows the twist of the phenyl moiety to its symmetrical shape. Only *Z*-**3b** shows a non-symmetric geometry, due to the presence of the methyl, preventing the full rotation of the phenyl ring. Thus, the  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  band is (slightly) allowed in this configuration. Due to the calculated spectra, we can assume the continuum of absorption bands that are bathochromically shifting in the transient spectra of **3b** are derived from the sequential appearance of the *Z*- isomer, the *s*-cis hydrazone and the *s*-trans hydrazone. The latter is characterized by a “fingerprint” absorption around 410 nm.

The second transition is always of  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  nature for **3a-c**. Interestingly, the electrons come from an occupied orbital delocalized on the entire  $\pi$  core, with larger coefficients on the indole ring.

### *E-3a*

Excited State 1: 2.8587 eV 433.70nm f=0.0000

57 → 59 0.70082

Excited State 2: 3.3669 eV 368.24nm f=0.9057

58 → 59 0.70159

Excited State 3: 3.9627 eV 312.88nm f=0.0133

56 → 59 0.68747

58 → 60 0.13311

Excited State 4: 4.3954 eV 282.08nm f=0.0073

54 → 59 0.59009

55 → 59 0.27378

55 → 61 0.11041

58 → 61 0.23934

Excited State 5: 4.5237 eV 274.08nm f=0.1079

54 → 59 -0.24792

55 → 59 0.62365

56 → 60 0.14891

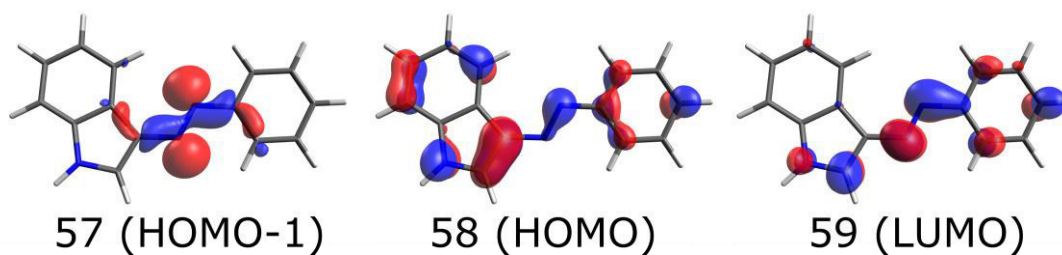


Figure S207 Orbitals involved in the two lowest transitions for *E-3a*.

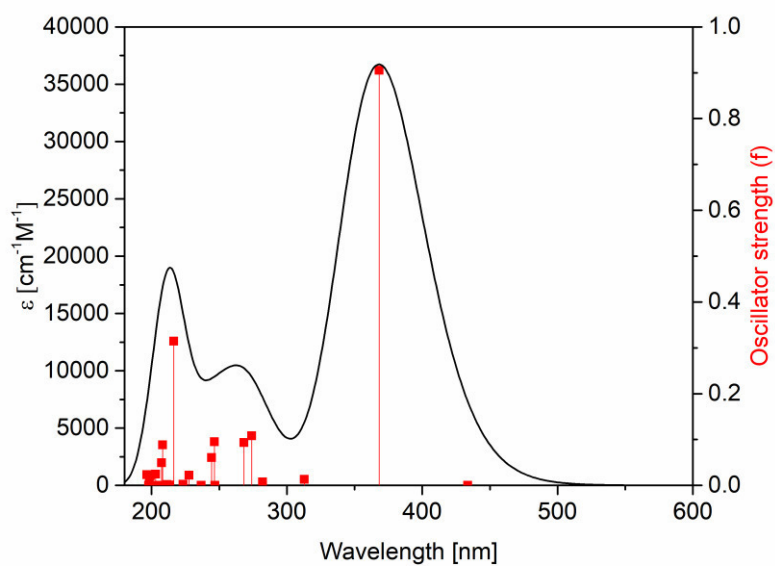


Figure A208 Simulated UV/Vis spectrum of *E-3a*.

### Z-3a

Excited State 1: 2.9657 eV 418.06nm f=0.0025

55 → 59 -0.16858

57 → 59 0.67837

Excited State 2: 3.8265 eV 324.02nm f=0.2449

58 → 59 0.69470

Excited State 3: 4.1815 eV 296.51nm f=0.0916

56 → 59 0.69369

58 → 60 -0.10603

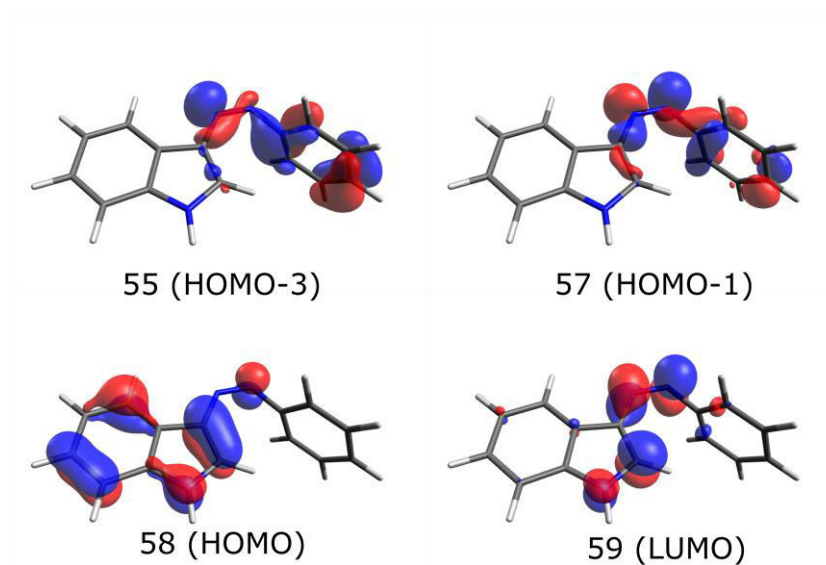
Excited State 4: 4.2588 eV 291.12nm f=0.0006

55 → 59 0.67472

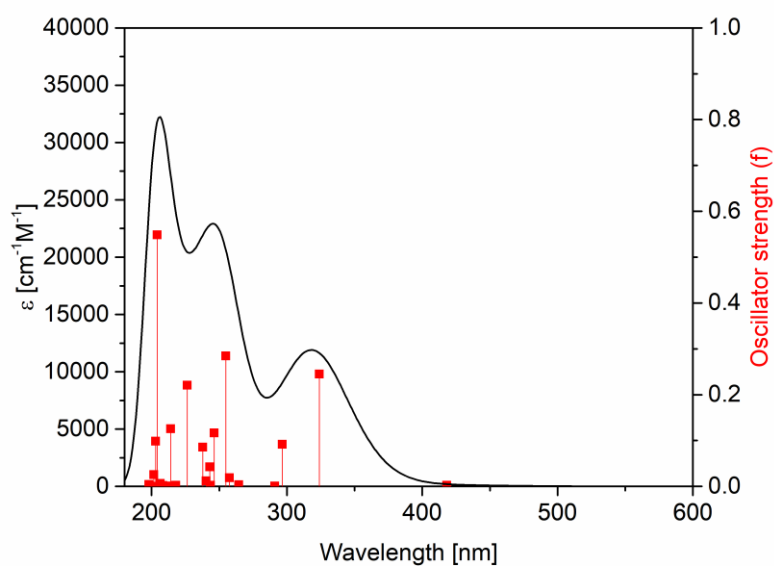
57 → 59 0.17144

Excited State 5: 4.6888 eV 264.43nm f=0.0038

54 → 59 0.70272



**Figure A209** Orbitals involved in the two lowest transitions for Z-3a.



**Figure A210** Simulated UV/Vis spectrum of Z-3a.



### *E-3b*

Excited State 1: 2.8626 eV 433.12 nm  $f=0.0000$

61  $\rightarrow$  63 0.70096

Excited State 2: 3.2319 eV 383.63 nm  $f=0.8734$

62  $\rightarrow$  63 0.70376

Excited State 3: 3.8402 eV 322.86 nm  $f=0.0238$

60  $\rightarrow$  63 0.69304

62  $\rightarrow$  64 0.11886

Excited State 4: 4.3533 eV 284.80 nm  $f=0.0056$

58  $\rightarrow$  63 0.58041

59  $\rightarrow$  63 0.25052

59  $\rightarrow$  65 0.10838

62  $\rightarrow$  65 0.28783

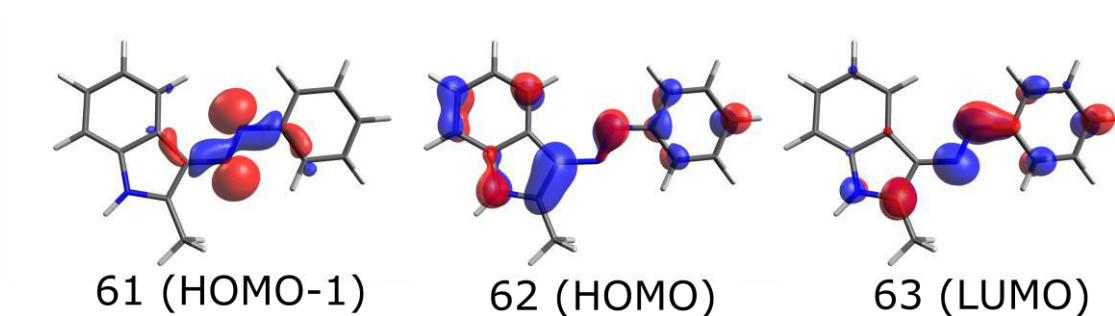
Excited State 5: 4.4681 eV 277.48 nm  $f=0.0904$

58  $\rightarrow$  63 -0.20702

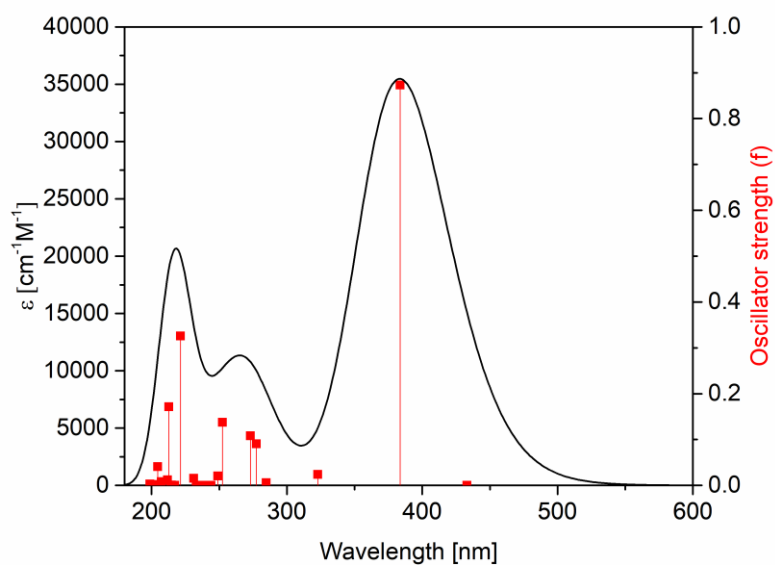
59  $\rightarrow$  63 0.59764

60  $\rightarrow$  64 0.14065

62  $\rightarrow$  64 0.23300



**Figure A211** Orbitals involved in the two lowest transitions for *E-3b*.



**Figure A212** Simulated UV/Vis spectrum of *E-3b*.

### *Z-3b*

Excited State 1: 2.5759 eV 481.32 nm  $f=0.1040$

58 $\rightarrow$ 63	-0.13090
60 $\rightarrow$ 63	0.24429
61 $\rightarrow$ 63	0.10508
62 $\rightarrow$ 63	0.63667

Excited State 2: 3.5576 eV 348.51 nm  $f=0.0848$

58 $\rightarrow$ 63	-0.15244
60 $\rightarrow$ 63	0.50008
61 $\rightarrow$ 63	0.34753
62 $\rightarrow$ 63	-0.28921

Excited State 3: 3.8758 eV 319.89 nm  $f=0.0373$

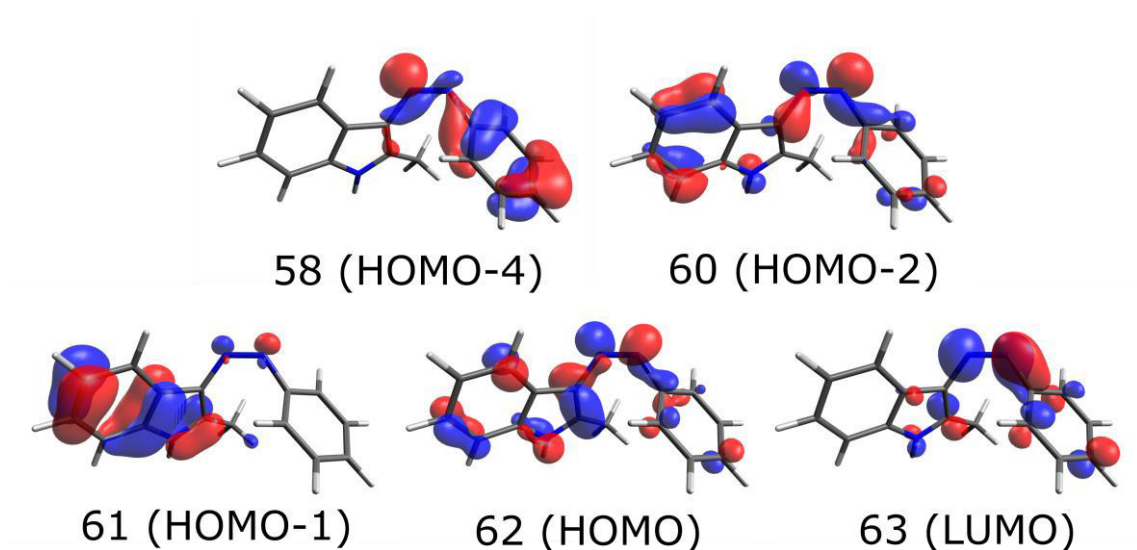
60 $\rightarrow$ 63	-0.35781
61 $\rightarrow$ 63	0.59184

Excited State 4: 4.3395 eV 285.71 nm  $f=0.0264$

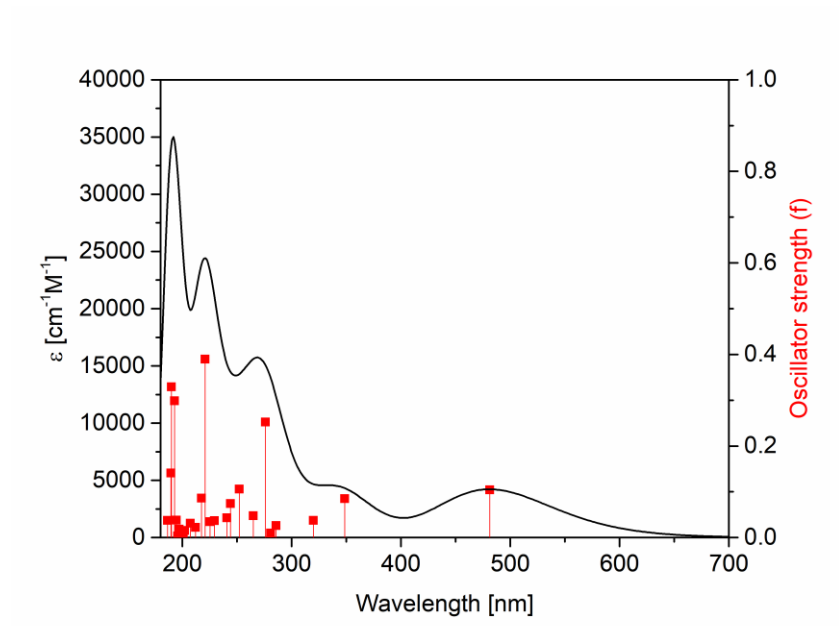
58 $\rightarrow$ 63	-0.41660
59 $\rightarrow$ 63	0.16745
60 $\rightarrow$ 63	-0.12276
62 $\rightarrow$ 64	0.49276
62 $\rightarrow$ 65	0.12721

Excited State 5: 4.4147 eV 280.85 nm  $f=0.0097$

58 $\rightarrow$ 63	0.15050
59 $\rightarrow$ 63	0.43370
60 $\rightarrow$ 65	0.10475
62 $\rightarrow$ 64	-0.13508
62 $\rightarrow$ 65	0.49578



**Figure A213** Orbitals involved in the two lowest transitions for *Z-3b*.



**Figure A214** Simulated UV/Vis spectrum of Z-3b.

### *E-3c*

Excited State 1: 2.8681 eV 432.28nm f=0.0000

61 -> 63 0.70053

Excited State 2: 3.2992 eV 375.80nm f=0.9697

62 -> 63 0.70222

Excited State 3: 3.9567 eV 313.35nm f=0.0116

60 -> 63 0.68102

62 -> 64 0.16346

Excited State 4: 4.4010 eV 281.72nm f=0.0026

58 -> 63 0.57493

59 -> 63 0.26062

59 -> 65 0.11092

62 -> 64 -0.10003

62 -> 65 0.26835

Excited State 5: 4.4867 eV 276.34nm f=0.1000

60 -> 63 -0.15732

62 -> 64 0.66599

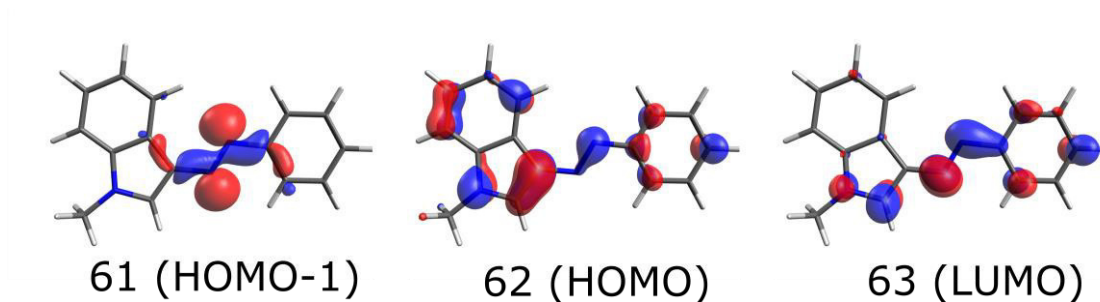


Figure A215 Orbitals involved in the two lowest transitions for *E-3c*.

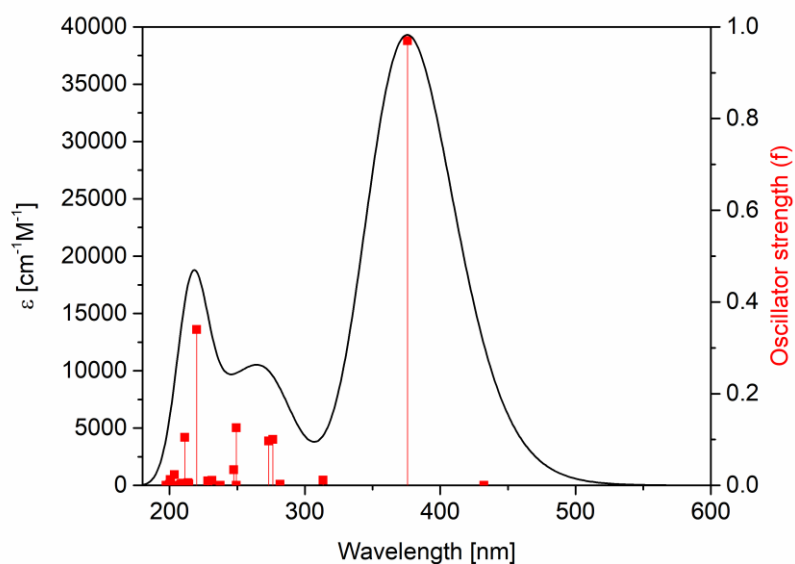


Figure A216 Simulated UV/Vis spectrum of *E-3c*.

### **Z-3c**

Excited State 1: 2.9900 eV 414.66nm f=0.0025

59 -> 63 -0.16413

61 -> 63 0.68004

Excited State 2: 3.7798 eV 328.02nm f=0.3076

62 -> 63 0.69692

Excited State 3: 4.1761 eV 296.89nm f=0.0723

60 -> 63 0.68810

62 -> 64 -0.13411

Excited State 4: 4.2826 eV 289.51nm f=0.0005

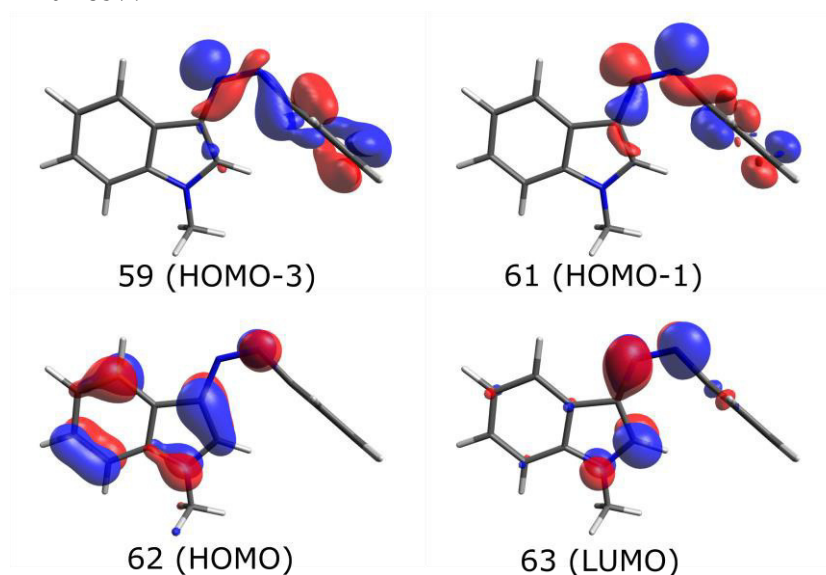
59 -> 63 0.67473

61 -> 63 0.16861

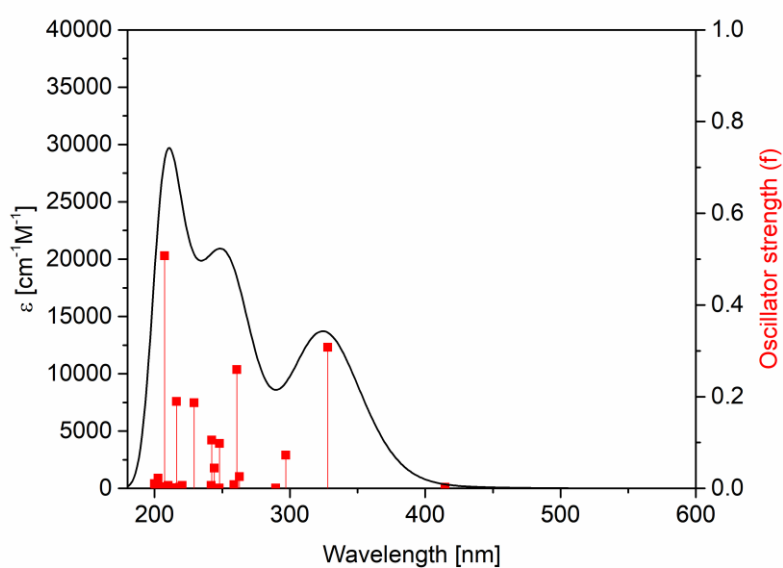
Excited State 5: 4.7183 eV 262.78nm f=0.0255

58 -> 63 0.67589

62 -> 64 0.18577



**Figure A217** Orbitals involved in the two lowest transitions for Z-3c.



**Figure A218** Simulated UV/Vis spectrum of Z-3c.

### ***s*-trans hydrazone of 3b**

Excited State 1: 3.0538 eV 406.00 nm  $f=0.7947$

61 -> 63 -0.10872

62 -> 63 0.69755

Excited State 2: 3.2977 eV 375.97 nm  $f=0.0990$

61 -> 63 0.69447

62 -> 63 0.10909

Excited State 3: 3.8365 eV 323.17 nm  $f=0.0023$

58 -> 63 0.69938

Excited State 4: Singlet-A 4.2200 eV 293.80 nm  $f=0.0191$

60 -> 63 0.67336

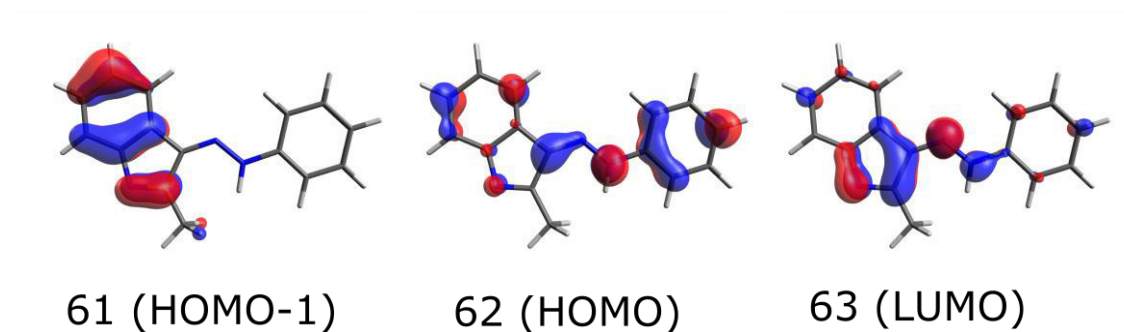
61 -> 64 -0.14082

Excited State 5: 4.3041 eV 288.06 nm  $f=0.0054$

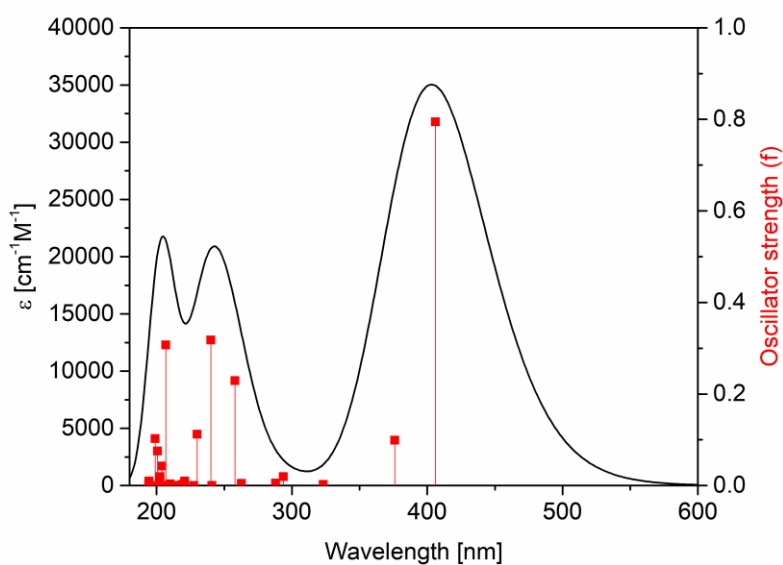
59 -> 63 0.63829

62 -> 64 -0.16781

62 -> 65 0.22666



**Figure A219** Orbitals involved in the two lowest transitions for the *s*-trans hydrazone of-**3b**.



**Figure A220** Simulated UV/Vis spectrum of the *s*-trans hydrazone of-**3b**.

### ***s*-cis hydrazone of 3b**

Excited State 1: 2.7294 eV 454.25 nm  $f=0.2662$

58 -> 63 -0.14815

62 -> 63 0.68604

Excited State 2: 3.1913 eV 388.51 nm  $f=0.0211$

61 -> 63 0.70167

Excited State 3: 3.7872 eV 327.38 nm  $f=0.1101$

58 -> 63 0.67685

62 -> 63 0.15265

Excited State 4: 4.0882 eV 303.28 nm  $f=0.0414$

57 -> 63 0.10725

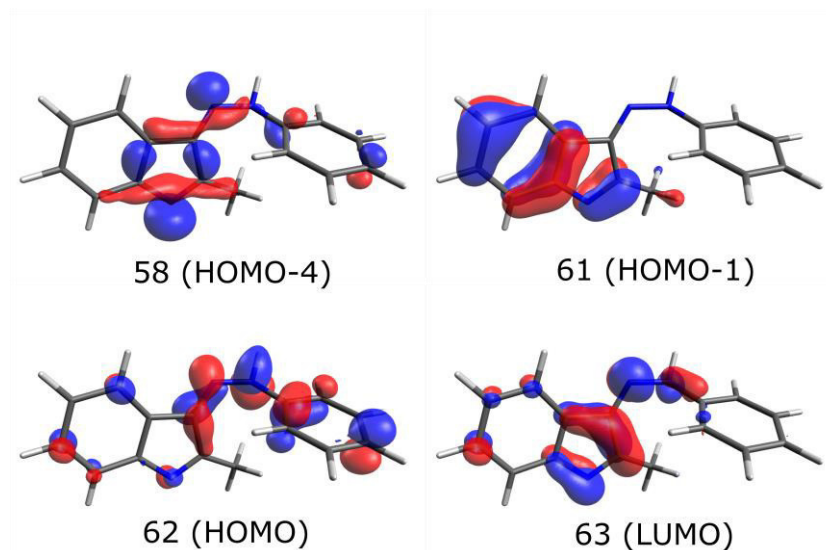
60 -> 63 0.66582

61 -> 64 -0.14571

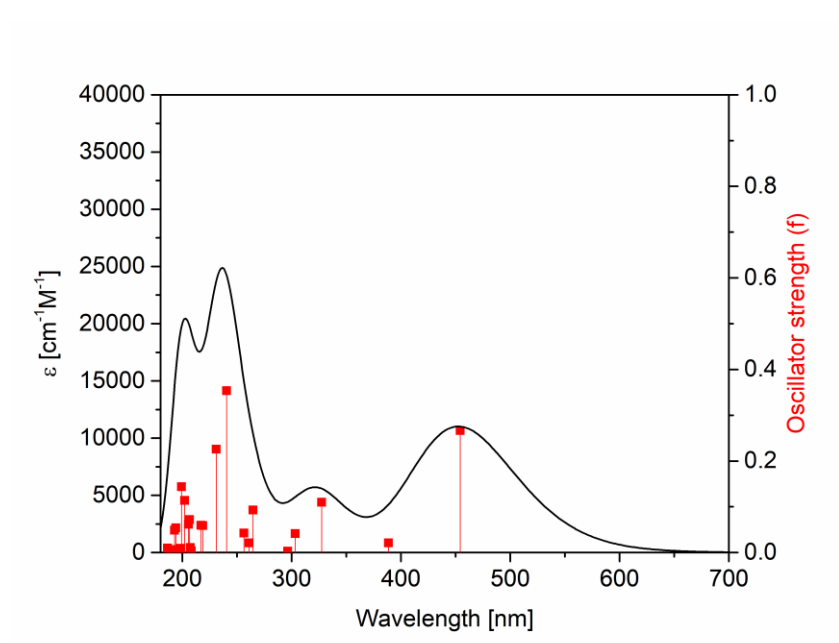
Excited State 5: 4.1819 eV 296.48 nm  $f=0.0031$

59 -> 63 0.68712

62 -> 65 -0.13561



**Figure A221** Orbitals involved in the two lowest transitions for the *s*-cis hydrazone of **3b**.



**Figure A222** Simulated UV/Vis spectrum of the *s-cis* hydrazone of **3b**.



#### 4.4 Thermal Pathway

The thermal pathway of *Z*-to-*E* isomerization was studied using the Density Functional Theory approach. B3LYP/6-31G(d) was used to optimize the transition states for the monomolecular isomerization of **3a** taken as a model. All the minima and saddle points were optimized and their nature tested by frequency calculations. The rotational and inversion TSs, similar to the one typical of azobenzene,<sup>S23</sup> were found. In order to characterize the rotational transition state, that is diradicalic in nature, the broken symmetry BS-DFT model was used.

The hydrazone pathway was studied using B3LYP/6-31G(d), considering two *Z*-**3a** molecules with two bridging water molecules (this complex will be abbreviated in *Z*-dimer, for simplicity). No concerted mechanism, where two protons are exchanged simultaneously, could be found in the ground state. Water was crucial to lower the energy of the transition states to the formation of the hydrazone. The rate-determining-step of the reaction was found to be the migration of one NH proton of *Z*-**3a** to the  $\beta$  nitrogen (compared to the indole ring) of the other *Z*-**3a** molecule (**TS1**). The ensuing intermediate (**Int1**) is characterized by a charged separated nature, because it is formed by an anion and a cation, generated from a water mediated proton shift. A second proton transfer (**TS2**) facilitated by the second water molecule forms two *s*-cis hydrazones. Two rotations of the newly formed N-N bonds of the hydrazones (associated with transition states **TS3** and **TS4**) generate firstly an *s*-cis/*s*-trans-water-bridged complex and finally a *s*-trans hydrazone dimer. Two water mediated proton transfer (**TS5** and **TS6**) restore the *E*-**3a** water bridged dimer, after populating the charged intermediate **Int2**.

The wavefunction was not stable enough at the B3LYP level to optimize a transition state of proton transfer between two *Z*-**3a** molecules without water. To have a hint of the energies involved in the non-water mediated process, the  $\omega$ B97XD functional was used with the 6-31G(d) basis set. Even though the results cannot be formally compared, the difference in energy greater than 15 kcal/mol gives a qualitative grasp of the role of water in stabilizing the transition state of proton transfer.

Differences in the energetical barriers of intramolecular rotation between **3a** and **3c**, paralleling the experimental results, can be found applying the  $\omega$ B97XD/6-31G(d) level of theory. Interestingly in this case B3LYP fails to give a result comparable with the observed behaviour of the molecule. It is probably necessary to include the long-range and dispersion contribution in the functional to model the energetical differences in the transition state of the differently substituted phenylazaindoles.

#### 4.4.1 Cartesian Coordinates and thermochemical data

##### Z-dimer (B3LYP/6-31G(d))

C	-4.025496	1.109032	1.580816
C	-4.445115	2.308472	1.004224
C	-3.533746	3.360103	0.856589
C	-2.209633	3.210731	1.259674
C	-1.783023	1.99733	1.824206
C	-2.704791	0.958248	2.007047
N	-0.478545	1.860356	2.40007
N	0.600543	2.033533	1.755869
C	0.721246	2.154549	0.385186
C	1.986844	2.53774	-0.212135
C	1.853984	2.344284	-1.606674
N	0.574604	1.854959	-1.844327
C	3.197613	3.017774	0.304092
C	4.234414	3.288048	-0.582312
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C	-0.1005	1.744319	-0.676949
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H	-2.37597	-0.040727	-2.492487
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H	5.176909	-3.662966	0.200442
H	4.907853	-3.317631	2.633932
H	2.762375	-2.455819	3.570597
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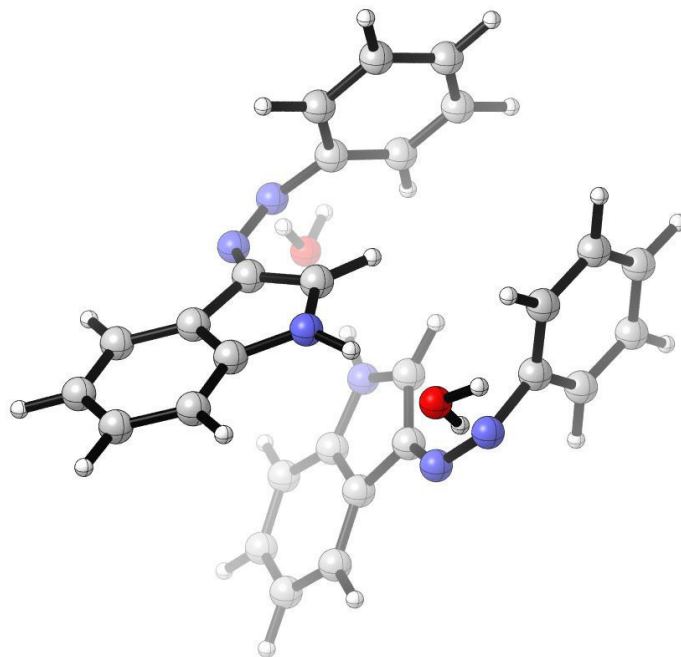
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**Figure A223** Dimer of two Z-3a molecules with two molecules of water (dubbed as Z-dimer) at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory.

TS1 (B3LYP/6-31G(d))

C	-4.137223	0.666222	1.746598
C	-4.621939	1.866124	1.225727
C	-3.751838	2.953712	1.081424
C	-2.410099	2.84105	1.432259
C	-1.911621	1.627208	1.940468
C	-2.795672	0.551221	2.115321
N	-0.593815	1.511912	2.471932
N	0.472684	1.818996	1.830397
C	0.58843	2.055564	0.492934
C	1.860462	2.460822	-0.079762
C	1.702756	2.377459	-1.484556
N	0.414853	1.934491	-1.785417
C	3.085135	2.86929	0.460752
C	4.122767	3.184172	-0.412856
C	3.954473	3.098396	-1.809242
C	2.743355	2.69272	-2.363119
H	-4.80454	-0.181685	1.878762
H	-5.668795	1.962803	0.951223
H	-4.125944	3.900057	0.698659
H	-1.738937	3.687162	1.322739
H	-2.418987	-0.366381	2.560115
H	0.075104	1.379762	-2.898814
H	3.216367	2.930591	1.537188
H	5.0826	3.501141	-0.01255
H	4.784843	3.351601	-2.463348
H	2.605221	2.614716	-3.437874
C	-0.238748	1.763478	-0.631046
H	-1.252796	1.388725	-0.630413
H	0.35993	-1.635214	2.70073
C	-4.067645	-1.068848	-1.788926
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C	-2.049155	-2.980001	-1.464052
C	-1.733311	-1.689546	-1.917048
C	-2.7475	-0.741977	-2.100955
N	-0.417775	-1.36022	-2.362462
N	0.702069	-1.588775	-1.777806
C	0.85745	-1.939656	-0.485345
C	2.164705	-2.283965	0.059094
C	2.029087	-2.273155	1.463141
N	0.707629	-1.92747	1.7627
C	3.40326	-2.587526	-0.51214
C	4.469539	-2.868439	0.339355
C	4.31465	-2.854043	1.738035
C	3.087752	-2.554284	2.325256
H	-4.846614	-0.322994	-1.91556
H	-5.41141	-2.599083	-1.081425
H	-3.614163	-4.299246	-0.822936
H	-1.266079	-3.723953	-1.359292
H	-2.491726	0.240069	-2.484377
H	3.526827	-2.590214	-1.590398
H	5.443487	-3.098229	-0.083264
H	5.168356	-3.075679	2.371777
H	2.959921	-2.528867	3.402954
C	0.009025	-1.745645	0.63763
H	-1.013051	-1.400788	0.676756
O	-0.155774	0.643808	-3.833751
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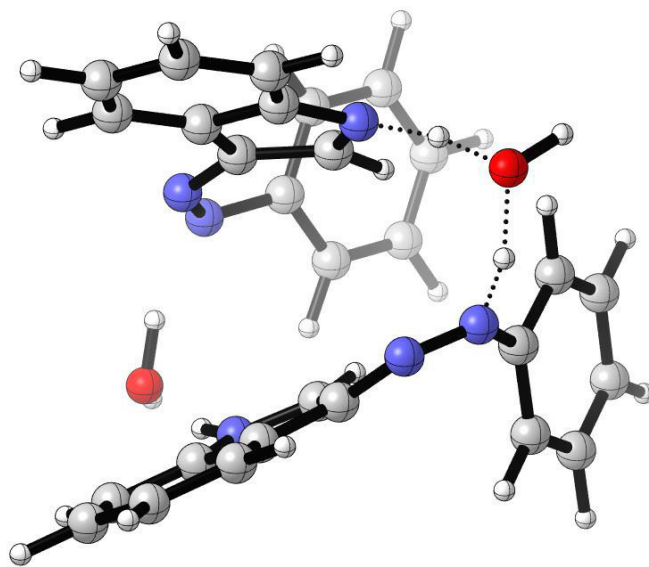
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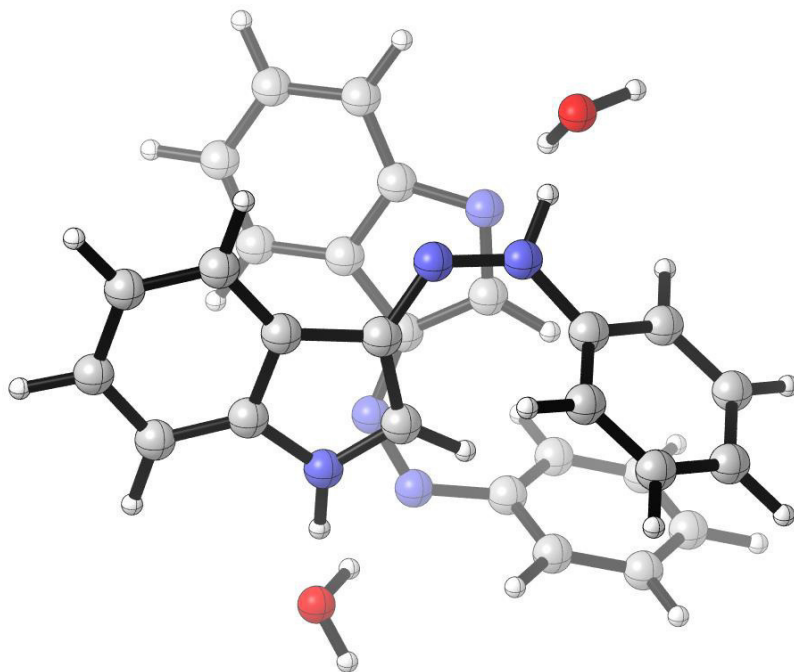
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**Figure A224** Transition state for the water-mediated proton transfer to form the intermediate **Int1** at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory.

# Int1 (B3LYP/6-31G(d))

C	-4.352728	0.425891	1.712586
C	-4.879442	1.605605	1.186098
C	-4.045308	2.719501	1.029833
C	-2.699518	2.654195	1.377077
C	-2.157223	1.462218	1.894106
C	-3.006663	0.358522	2.075205
N	-0.838173	1.386873	2.416177
N	0.22654	1.711678	1.763664
C	0.347747	1.942149	0.43703
C	1.636213	2.308015	-0.127535
C	1.462775	2.27523	-1.533079
N	0.154636	1.903798	-1.864067
C	2.878824	2.643403	0.419672
C	3.927019	2.942115	-0.44897
C	3.748618	2.908896	-1.84552
C	2.51606	2.573669	-2.402466
H	-4.990946	-0.443296	1.85211
H	-5.929856	1.665648	0.914577
H	-4.451542	3.649813	0.640226
H	-2.056638	3.520823	1.257752
H	-2.597233	-0.546901	2.518059
H	-0.116978	1.154723	-3.394178
H	3.016093	2.66634	1.497199
H	4.901009	3.205792	-0.043505
H	4.585707	3.147924	-2.496879
H	2.369776	2.536324	-3.478946
C	-0.49315	1.73098	-0.717662
H	-1.531667	1.425916	-0.71914
H	0.522034	-1.347855	2.753681
C	-3.895675	-1.324436	-1.890914
C	-4.154832	-2.518917	-1.218775
C	-3.099299	-3.378494	-0.894992
C	-1.789766	-3.043867	-1.226442
C	-1.535191	-1.829705	-1.879307
C	-2.588119	-0.978171	-2.231572
N	-0.222909	-1.494355	-2.331751
N	0.922424	-1.565968	-1.73351
C	1.10031	-1.75292	-0.42674
C	2.434172	-1.914785	0.148239
C	2.27907	-1.829822	1.545393
N	0.920292	-1.614195	1.81611
C	3.703477	-2.117501	-0.393996
C	4.782782	-2.226061	0.482942
C	4.607914	-2.139322	1.875094
C	3.346163	-1.937745	2.433018
H	-4.709807	-0.653918	-2.148767
H	-5.173791	-2.786347	-0.954792
H	-3.298737	-4.321482	-0.393881
H	-0.972766	-3.718907	-0.992929
H	-2.367192	-0.060878	-2.766197
H	3.842309	-2.17482	-1.468765
H	5.781482	-2.374343	0.082456
H	5.471371	-2.224866	2.528131
H	3.198984	-1.855914	3.505255
C	0.219575	-1.576886	0.689575
H	-0.835215	-1.348739	0.704303
O	-0.200336	0.505076	-4.165753
H	-0.851134	0.882681	-4.774399
H	-0.173724	-0.97893	-3.235246
O	-0.085882	-0.578228	4.102204
H	-0.855621	-0.897525	4.595631
H	-0.388673	0.278589	3.652891



**Figure A225** Charge-separated intermediate **Int1** at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory.

# TS2 (B3LYP/6-31G(d))

C	4.2895841566	0.0163048969	-1.9282477295
C	4.8174383977	1.2836190933	-1.6826496592
C	3.9636134379	2.3932053645	-1.6822039051
C	2.5996700166	2.2420775773	-1.909424331
C	2.0581131093	0.9634893621	-2.1404742412
C	2.9236097474	-0.1433374256	-2.1630108419
N	0.7108834774	0.7613120729	-2.5268913889
N	-0.3478749133	1.3050330271	-1.9978110848
C	-0.4391669476	1.9222147517	-0.8187079982
C	-1.708104318	2.4790037634	-0.3618793984
C	-1.5136076081	2.8038965854	1.0001185667
N	-0.2130275981	2.467773256	1.4149712333
C	-2.9404312458	2.7134211386	-0.9732705048
C	-3.9627282692	3.2759608905	-0.2069187285
C	-3.7630788221	3.6006953422	1.1461703022
C	-2.5354180146	3.3655417404	1.7665506286
H	4.9407904376	-0.8539979013	-1.9429011517
H	5.881653051	1.4113629668	-1.5054127496
H	4.3679525118	3.3880625789	-1.5129613864
H	1.9455362253	3.1079065935	-1.9172298664
H	2.5134505445	-1.1264764343	-2.3783896134
H	0.0459545616	1.9172990363	3.0793635062
H	-3.0945229283	2.4585560087	-2.0179693899
H	-4.9312277894	3.4664201481	-0.662698611
H	-4.5778474844	4.0391709401	1.7166955169
H	-2.3738815569	3.6046776469	2.8143201493
C	0.4132329924	1.9900137115	0.3554656455
H	1.4344804104	1.6389987949	0.4340639305
H	-0.4226040385	-1.9056556276	-2.5090720892
C	3.9146588291	-0.6959876667	2.1631463102
C	4.2659966244	-1.9790718096	1.743982938
C	3.273870383	-2.9521959765	1.582629638
C	1.9376798964	-2.6459492442	1.8222854829
C	1.5886520127	-1.3463882408	2.2166283086
C	2.579182932	-0.3755218221	2.407278419
N	0.2492532121	-1.0116611666	2.5741382264
N	-0.8858108541	-1.3213863386	2.0186003005
C	-1.0370076225	-1.816051738	0.7979974554
C	-2.3518300161	-2.1865710373	0.2744464415
C	-2.181324275	-2.3768345085	-1.1114761604
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C	-3.6096940227	-2.3598408423	0.8499865954
C	-4.6705452331	-2.7166183297	0.0151546981
C	-4.48523578	-2.9005629146	-1.3651902918
C	-3.2312998062	-2.7310927251	-1.9537180912
H	4.6790864964	0.0633796386	2.2987231154
H	5.3062286523	-2.2257346773	1.5527018471
H	3.5437368094	-3.9603062272	1.2806696038
H	1.1719037304	-3.407061453	1.7139007219
H	2.2872053091	0.6101508073	2.7533984442
H	-3.7571965485	-2.2097669698	1.914900812
H	-5.6615029861	-2.8496489257	0.4399510085
H	-5.3333021782	-3.1744161554	-1.98604278
H	-3.0766649674	-2.8567631217	-3.0206995871
C	-0.1621373625	-1.8299912032	-0.3499300512
H	0.8765733145	-1.538087565	-0.4083312361
O	0.1434608373	1.3878373941	3.9262522738
H	0.6847405512	1.9243259064	4.5223491194
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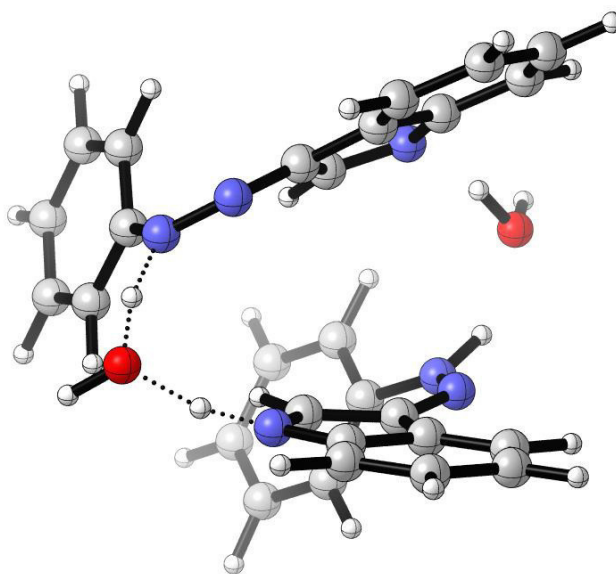
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**Figure A226** Transition state for the water-mediated proton transfer to form the water-complexed *s*-cis hydrazone intermediate from **Int1** at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory.

**s-cis hydrazone dimer (B3LYP/6-31G(d))**

C	4.1621339476	-0.0838985877	-2.0112375441
C	4.7597333672	1.0854121945	-1.539162566
C	3.9762591588	2.226588872	-1.3427644241
C	2.6083123633	2.2039783033	-1.6017340974
C	2.0061828304	1.019820666	-2.053491807
C	2.7932739497	-0.1210770781	-2.2716299166
N	0.6434928638	0.957790439	-2.4398153489
N	-0.4354903861	1.5459367374	-1.9630455978
C	-0.5500717414	2.1149385574	-0.7859845887
C	-1.7979805153	2.7611662243	-0.3705567499
C	-1.6364598536	3.0489805818	1.0001352826
N	-0.3770717114	2.6047193435	1.4655295578
C	-2.9756803583	3.0996940824	-1.0304670749
C	-3.9851793153	3.7295596698	-0.295084738
C	-3.8182054509	4.016763385	1.0674950107
C	-2.6374565682	3.6767132866	1.7351029288
H	4.7608954029	-0.9753863999	-2.1761752831
H	5.8259877744	1.1123667378	-1.3339657231
H	4.4353095843	3.1488500153	-0.9968896217
H	2.0123234336	3.1001402062	-1.4671645618
H	2.3183451187	-1.0168372153	-2.6597768572
H	-0.0493360437	1.9420475908	3.1518259451
H	-3.1048847805	2.8744372091	-2.0850568747
H	-4.9155843036	4.0002017607	-0.7871418929
H	-4.6196533973	4.5077688539	1.6128044953
H	-2.5014320024	3.8877910413	2.7919237002
C	0.2584285931	2.1008916468	0.439465719
H	1.2403485386	1.6602392648	0.5575097114
H	-0.2655676339	-1.9020325507	-3.1504956791
C	4.008832441	-0.6773148309	2.2117252892
C	4.398734693	-1.9396398901	1.7625319822
C	3.4258853909	-2.9152670046	1.5250324916
C	2.0757429894	-2.6364714492	1.7206061943
C	1.6851394368	-1.3587824687	2.1493329596
C	2.6604467533	-0.3840035561	2.4087622897
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N	-0.8050234037	-1.4197640617	1.9433643924
C	-0.9691900231	-1.9622014782	0.7596533945
C	-2.2953073256	-2.3652096065	0.2837718003
C	-2.127016814	-2.6837443291	-1.07929011
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C	-3.192546297	-3.1160110068	-1.8628790855
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H	5.4495287172	-2.1661157536	1.6067251815
H	3.7201398434	-3.9084950486	1.1966494355
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H	2.3436667672	0.5862727968	2.7786509468
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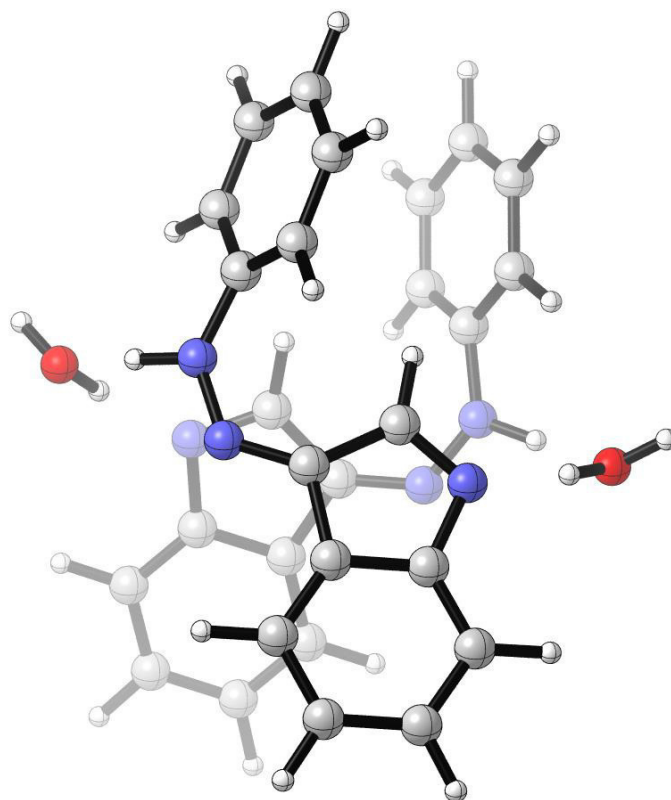
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**Figure A227** *s*-cis hydrazone water-complexed dimer at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory.

# TS3 (B3LYP/6-31G(d))

C	3.8393511234	1.0250682457	-4.0434286306
C	4.0039297469	2.4116157955	-4.122328306
C	2.9954814965	3.2384140696	-3.6294103402
C	1.840173905	2.7022523529	-3.0573304937
C	1.6770324589	1.3112421988	-2.9754658113
C	2.6906527683	0.477484495	-3.482988477
N	0.5698326409	0.6986614432	-2.343918508
N	-0.6350990832	1.4820061037	-2.3336414864
C	-0.8964173089	1.9937445168	-1.1877370547
C	-2.0691370317	2.8222238209	-0.856576238
C	-1.9530039869	3.0998114178	0.517350799
N	-0.7759493479	2.5008155312	1.0726734723
C	-3.1415324944	3.3028810287	-1.593025315
C	-4.1041968633	4.0741930512	-0.9242023706
C	-3.9839787175	4.3455678286	0.4416867056
C	-2.8992352856	3.8573481552	1.1876501386
H	4.6109273484	0.3621132495	-4.427467611
H	4.90082076	2.8364589292	-4.56371182
H	3.1004173953	4.3190018418	-3.6901601815
H	1.0629602422	3.3638268825	-2.6913625097
H	2.5645772023	-0.6002985183	-3.4261004725
H	-0.325108691	2.092877486	2.8733094144
H	-3.2299180378	3.0840275838	-2.6528465069
H	-4.9555568118	4.4635639446	-1.4749106332
H	-4.743897056	4.943567801	0.9368154211
H	-2.8039435946	4.0605287351	2.249911029
C	-0.1679556933	1.8816866636	0.1142245207
H	0.7505629332	1.3269194073	0.259431843
H	-0.4193755579	-2.3069307177	-2.872560957
C	3.9840663048	0.0468065451	1.8258394424
C	4.5272931697	-1.1712825049	1.4167470643
C	3.7061737582	-2.3009418851	1.3512468065
C	2.3545687872	-2.2201381441	1.6751392619
C	1.8050576271	-0.9883076529	2.0624315513
C	2.6318273971	0.1425760705	2.1509185628
N	0.4649493072	-0.8537148011	2.5051649187
N	-0.6432423047	-1.494455471	2.1774911222
C	-0.8280716128	-2.1764768119	1.0733125716
C	-2.0758622286	-2.9002720285	0.8145838971
C	-1.9971400606	-3.3166543006	-0.5306158263
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C	-4.1333910347	-4.3668353852	-0.3427701385
C	-3.0175679119	-4.0515012742	-1.1253729071
H	4.6118020299	0.9312950144	1.8894609115
H	5.578978791	-1.2431929826	1.1559822586
H	4.1228493383	-3.2594501462	1.0540097729
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H	2.2022613901	1.0800963298	2.490194179
H	-3.2513377351	-2.8966117428	2.625619629
H	-5.0985440327	-4.2084177047	1.5774267681
H	-4.9478180578	-4.9398043829	-0.7776575786
H	-2.9447858842	-4.3635629657	-2.1631665975
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H	0.8315096821	-1.7717644227	-0.4453602061
O	-0.0171559613	1.6820677027	3.7171489963
H	0.5405307571	2.3485992198	4.143146187
H	0.2972153587	-0.1270009763	3.2076286648
O	-0.0833963213	-1.7888023231	-3.6458788653
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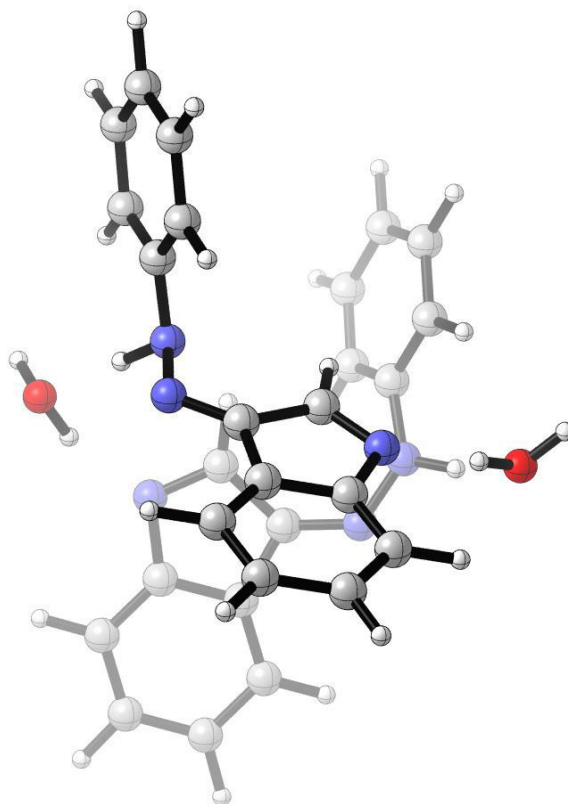
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Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1561.064134 (Hartrees)



**Figure A228** Transition state for the rotation around the single N-N bond of a *s*-cis hydrazone belonging to the water-complexed *s*-cis hydrazone intermediate at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory.

**s-cis/s-trans hydrazone (B3LYP/6-31G(d))**

C	-5.151028	-3.372721	-1.607458
C	-6.44071	-2.877762	-1.405501
C	-6.607413	-1.569963	-0.940824
C	-5.506644	-0.758621	-0.680619
C	-4.215068	-1.264657	-0.886685
C	-4.036677	-2.576714	-1.3509
N	-3.068806	-0.484776	-0.640348
N	-3.183522	0.717642	-0.133228
C	-2.144306	1.480267	0.112145
C	-2.263124	2.806761	0.714089
C	-0.939277	3.278275	0.831008
N	-0.013657	2.336937	0.322765
C	-3.33048	3.585674	1.154152
C	-3.048984	4.836937	1.711628
C	-1.729004	5.296297	1.834025
C	-0.65339	4.51863	1.395343
H	-5.006574	-4.388842	-1.964833
H	-7.306206	-3.502582	-1.60629
H	-7.606676	-1.174147	-0.779665
H	-5.628498	0.25595	-0.321354
H	-3.030446	-2.957539	-1.497028
H	1.731338	2.966779	0.512902
H	-4.352645	3.228024	1.068885
H	-3.866057	5.462143	2.061652
H	-1.540258	6.268546	2.281057
H	0.375001	4.851916	1.502245
C	-0.703145	1.300634	-0.085165
H	-0.218985	0.432178	-0.521291
H	-0.050587	-2.469259	-0.930543
C	3.389985	1.413547	-3.597734
C	4.180691	0.381852	-4.103463
C	4.836824	-0.484207	-3.221361
C	4.704559	-0.323101	-1.845517
C	3.89153	0.702875	-1.341049
C	3.23967	1.5763	-2.21903
N	3.809184	0.931462	0.062255
N	3.476398	0.096217	1.031632
C	2.925513	-1.078527	0.836327
C	2.582484	-1.975968	1.941441
C	1.730359	-2.95204	1.381647
N	1.510626	-2.704292	0.006228
C	2.912868	-2.016556	3.293077
C	2.378744	-3.048998	4.071043
C	1.536417	-4.019437	3.508886
C	1.198426	-3.981207	2.152527
H	2.880677	2.09372	-4.275007
H	4.293262	0.254799	-5.176357
H	5.467853	-1.279587	-3.608265
H	5.226597	-0.981592	-1.158203
H	2.620878	2.368241	-1.811316
H	3.563043	-1.263514	3.728735
H	2.619889	-3.100587	5.129361
H	1.138886	-4.811283	4.137861
H	0.543082	-4.725183	1.708927
C	2.235332	-1.66407	-0.316243
H	2.198166	-1.256977	-1.318049
O	2.610341	3.421039	0.602216
H	2.5621	4.167835	-0.012613
H	3.756239	1.910547	0.365342
O	-0.766109	-2.023328	-1.455689
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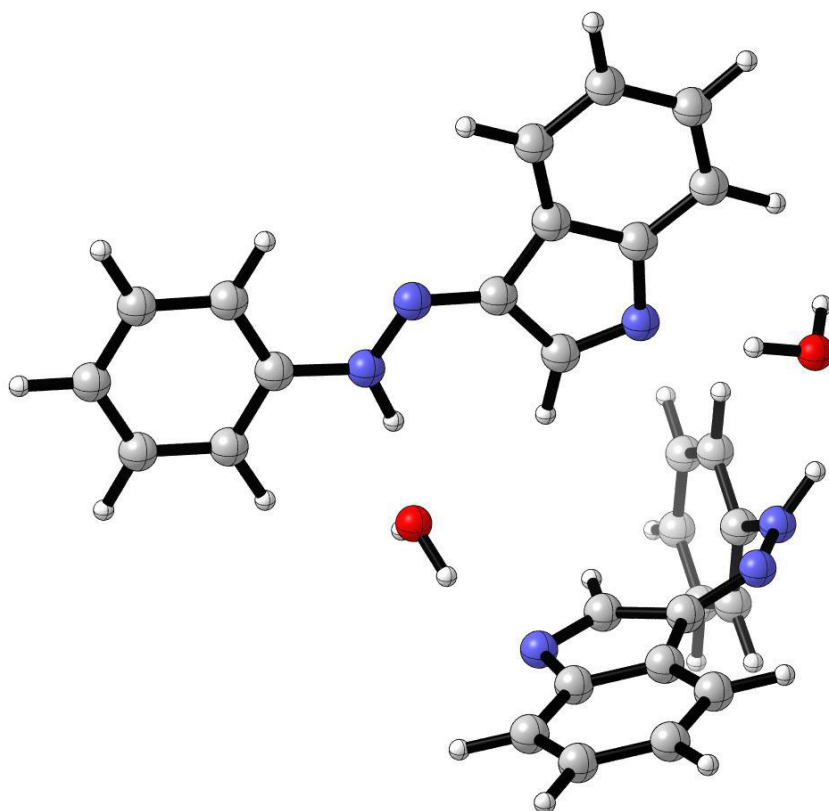
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Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1561.093611 (Hartrees)



**Figure A229** Water-complexed *s*-cis/*s*-trans hydrazone intermediate at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory.

# TS4 (B3LYP/6-31G(d))

C	-4.656389764	-3.5086014216	-2.0359101508
C	-5.9846269914	-3.0933863976	-1.9225458829
C	-6.2642654129	-1.8181386054	-1.4226774028
C	-5.2372871366	-0.9600419299	-1.0395976762
C	-3.9066031794	-1.3860919848	-1.1575316094
C	-3.6147456715	-2.6648390636	-1.6564556769
N	-2.8291497839	-0.5612562651	-0.7875680608
N	-3.0386173685	0.623698602	-0.2685243865
C	-2.0429396452	1.4035885509	0.0837533036
C	-2.2272345365	2.723239965	0.6817760791
C	-0.9217812654	3.2081620838	0.9146644451
N	0.0523186997	2.2726442575	0.4954383877
C	-3.3378289267	3.4907984021	1.0236476793
C	-3.1217549516	4.7468527616	1.5987266599
C	-1.8231374241	5.2248332725	1.8278665298
C	-0.70496484	4.4580318189	1.487331736
H	-4.4251161515	-4.4980011773	-2.4213337488
H	-6.793360482	-3.7547064443	-2.2197070534
H	-7.2946351772	-1.4850846007	-1.3305853032
H	-5.4459718222	0.0300517242	-0.6527025102
H	-2.5795838022	-2.9841389036	-1.7359771507
H	1.8727916424	2.5202248335	0.604420917
H	-4.3441141911	3.1216835352	0.8473370431
H	-3.9734282581	5.3634722211	1.8729946426
H	-1.6847447959	6.2047648338	2.2762948464
H	0.3033117428	4.8232206358	1.6623520962
C	-0.5906196157	1.2376366703	0.017574796
H	-0.0640838176	0.3750085634	-0.3761836547
H	0.3595547987	-2.0924523184	-0.6401960233
C	5.8454182001	0.6241675424	-2.3108644679
C	6.5415485526	-0.5834118439	-2.4101095127
C	6.6262672938	-1.4054375821	-1.2845603837
C	6.0323519653	-1.0371104173	-0.0785849426
C	5.3282147928	0.1780203965	0.0200021567
C	5.2377498824	1.0061640765	-1.1171886306
N	4.7893056438	0.6279876412	1.2325000579
N	4.3427393424	-0.3176024113	2.2135846364
C	3.405089449	-1.1135337462	1.8468105855
C	2.7926104156	-2.1586287012	2.6875728323
C	1.761678268	-2.7137786702	1.9096853885
N	1.6832114987	-2.078404609	0.6287593545
C	3.0421520359	-2.6199762708	3.9713611421
C	2.234349494	-3.65591385	4.4651869239
C	1.2115667145	-4.2036630199	3.6856726501
C	0.9576825226	-3.7358006069	2.3861780048
H	5.7627539174	1.2769079822	-3.176830923
H	7.0093570632	-0.8770271153	-3.3453278238
H	7.1692775436	-2.3461253304	-1.3383404032
H	6.1252983468	-1.6783171445	0.7921210951
H	4.680251396	1.9360415475	-1.0491587282
H	3.8376831711	-2.1886721206	4.5712303298
H	2.406016483	-4.0370173354	5.4676513992
H	0.6006039891	-5.005041148	4.091245792
H	0.1634128692	-4.1561268756	1.7768894571
C	2.6185380051	-1.1888426275	0.5735510951
H	2.7715887975	-0.5586641544	-0.2945524059
O	2.8561848142	2.6539605036	0.6632489535
H	2.9682434438	3.4952163034	1.1286209967
H	4.1134798175	1.4026386803	1.1499208498
O	-0.3325848769	-1.8942875255	-1.3233406991
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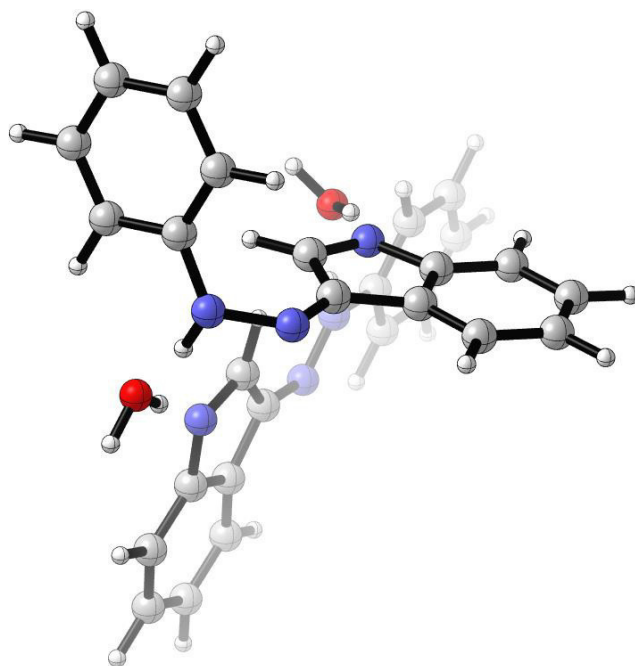
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Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1561.093611 (Hartrees)



**Figure A230** Transition state for the rotation around the single N-N bond of the *cis*-hydrazone belonging to the water-complexed *s-cis/s-trans* hydrazone intermediate at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory.

**s-trans hydrazone dimer (B3LYP/6-31G(d))**

C	6.4656743608	2.7974122699	-0.1298519567
C	7.6003109745	2.1454029704	0.3571718249
C	7.5329701829	0.7815824432	0.6572393765
C	6.3516991983	0.0680457026	0.475206557
C	5.2181327176	0.7319925487	-0.0146667714
C	5.2739455988	2.1009950729	-0.3178490202
N	3.9976095017	0.064483485	-0.2206430656
N	3.8632633236	-1.2012438904	0.0849803503
C	2.7230268589	-1.8284300854	-0.1025073254
C	2.4996983945	-3.2302361386	0.2400832277
C	1.1519567689	-3.4834672426	-0.0992231799
N	0.5391529313	-2.3276712765	-0.6331025208
C	3.2901272083	-4.2394507231	0.7853029382
C	2.712713355	-5.4973500894	0.9824556039
C	1.373296997	-5.7422927217	0.6441521263
C	0.5739096236	-4.7342523212	0.0975979119
H	6.5042198131	3.8577951431	-0.3643002605
H	8.5271041338	2.6927997322	0.5026366525
H	8.4105818836	0.265382102	1.0372421122
H	6.2911657022	-0.9890092933	0.7047366436
H	4.3848307766	2.6017635782	-0.6903850027
H	-2.0184864333	-1.8817738563	-2.3613685242
H	4.3267569938	-4.0519944917	1.0502269988
H	3.3109005487	-6.2994603724	1.406360667
H	0.9515427887	-6.7296450636	0.8109846333
H	-0.4650814855	-4.9123459142	-0.1650819869
C	1.4413363058	-1.3775367031	-0.6357774182
H	1.2212679623	-0.382468948	-1.0075335573
H	1.1478956242	2.0731751417	-1.0785554046
C	-6.4666079776	-2.7962368087	-0.1325929621
C	-7.6015077513	-2.1439553856	0.3534803486
C	-7.5342711258	-0.7800180242	0.6530041823
C	-6.3528720515	-0.0665903695	0.4713191898
C	-5.2190565838	-0.7307849484	-0.0175909361
C	-5.2747626886	-2.0999231101	-0.3202055662
N	-3.9984867687	-0.0633454203	-0.2234330358
N	-3.86357041	1.2019105155	0.0839637137
C	-2.7233089968	1.829040614	-0.1035259444
C	-2.4993579744	3.2302989144	0.2410193584
C	-1.1518510105	3.4837157173	-0.0990022855
N	-0.5397493556	2.3285916621	-0.6351713066
C	-3.2891840969	4.2388248335	0.7883857067
C	-2.711387132	5.4963284154	0.9869069123
C	-1.3721966034	5.741497631	0.6478307236
C	-0.5734371657	4.7341277539	0.0991274955
H	-6.5050058524	-3.8567593903	-0.366419364
H	-8.5284393708	-2.691216041	0.4985789436
H	-8.412132511	-0.2635839103	1.0321157538
H	-6.2924523063	0.9905457677	0.7005068892
H	-4.3854021885	-2.6008915573	-0.6918944736
H	-4.3255807521	4.0510689357	1.0540047072
H	-3.3090745565	6.2979654254	1.4124102835
H	-0.9501613335	6.7285751377	0.8155872726
H	0.4653865887	4.9125008711	-0.1640074994
C	-1.4421810891	1.3787030166	-0.6386044256
H	-1.2227902231	0.384141347	-1.0121310279
O	-2.0650605885	-1.820649659	-1.3957742376
H	-1.1474676068	-2.0725627011	-1.077488527
H	-3.2206941285	-0.6198070947	-0.6202287692
O	2.0656555503	1.8216505122	-1.3964202557
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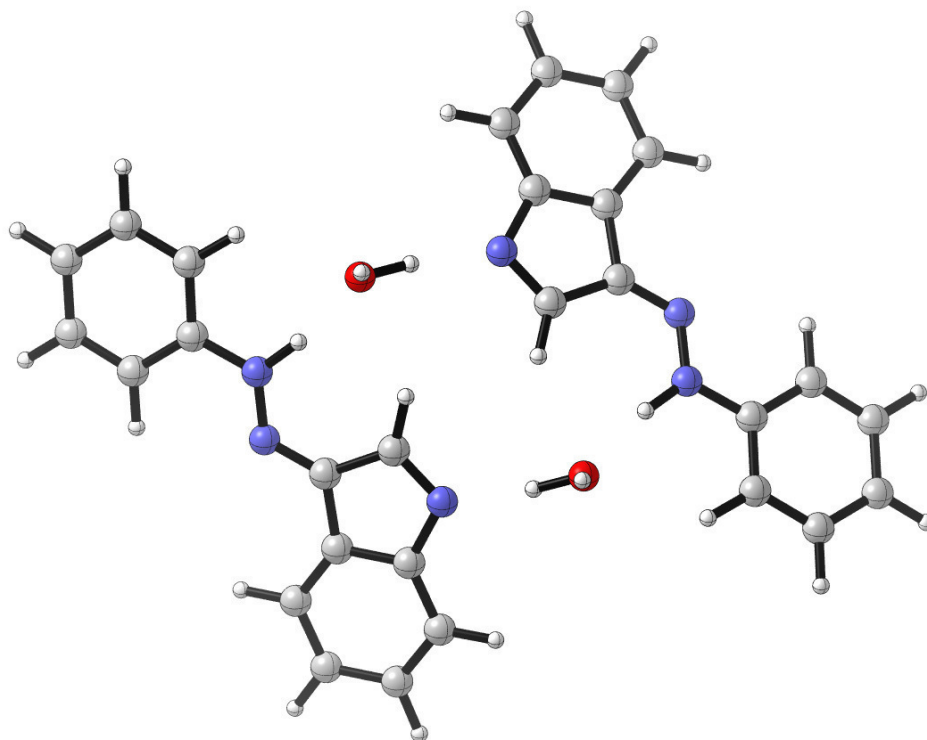
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**Figure A231** Water-complexed *s*-trans hydrazone dimer intermediate at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory.

TS5 (B3LYP/6-31G(d))

C	6.397432	2.874202	0.103239
C	7.562931	2.153183	0.369523
C	7.504408	0.756983	0.435058
C	6.303145	0.084228	0.23702
C	5.129065	0.811088	-0.028996
C	5.186534	2.214274	-0.095654
N	3.875582	0.200999	-0.245913
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C	2.682176	-1.751679	-0.273429
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N	0.496837	-2.321248	-0.724026
C	3.38671	-4.17484	0.467412
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H	6.428339	3.959745	0.051454
H	8.506192	2.670261	0.523041
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H	4.42748	-3.955797	0.689237
H	3.521244	-6.254802	0.994115
H	1.151019	-6.758514	0.49844
H	-0.382154	-4.965819	-0.328272
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H	1.117608	-0.335958	-1.047659
H	0.681501	1.89873	-0.37983
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C	-6.444257	0.093561	0.287086
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N	-3.837227	1.156731	0.124805
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C	-2.604436	5.517144	0.296753
C	-1.214239	5.665846	0.148463
C	-0.383553	4.556332	-0.005849
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H	-6.340525	1.159052	0.453923
H	-4.509444	-2.647866	-0.358077
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H	-3.222427	6.402594	0.415487
H	-0.780169	6.66128	0.155122
H	0.691799	4.648192	-0.121816
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H	-1.07354	0.050534	-0.160645
O	-2.100232	-2.129256	-0.113764
H	-1.170239	-2.211729	-0.527816
H	-3.21209	-0.789894	-0.092904
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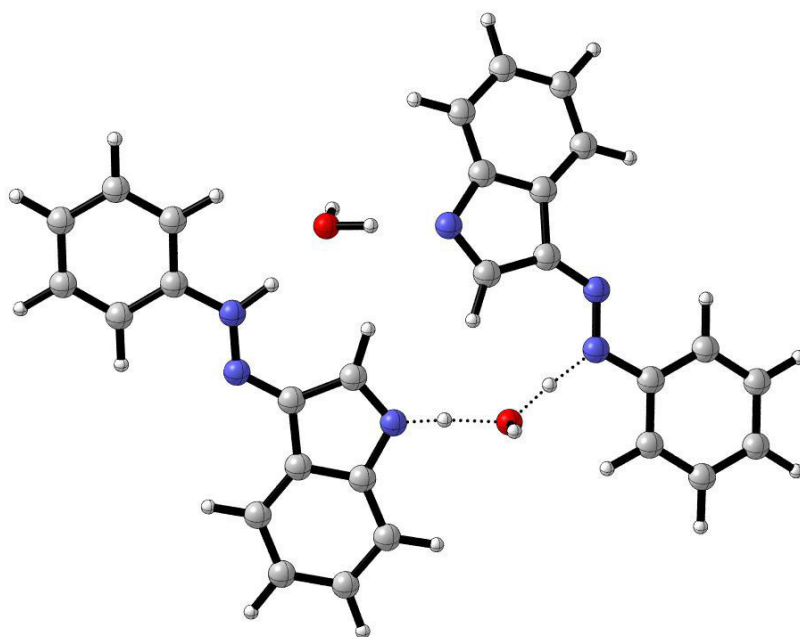
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Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1561.099539 (Hartrees)



**Figure A232** Transition state for the water-mediated proton transfer to form the intermediate **Int2** at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory.

# Int2 (B3LYP/6-31G(d))

C	6.6836421167	-2.7218647265	-0.010595501
C	7.8176978908	-1.9324971224	-0.2091321975
C	7.682814661	-0.5402642046	-0.2553229968
C	6.4372622859	0.0598060052	-0.1059544981
C	5.290185924	-0.7328251892	0.090801369
C	5.4305301455	-2.1308496026	0.1400445584
N	3.9873077529	-0.2095781277	0.2583401584
N	3.894788693	1.0627453365	0.0755586292
C	2.7032777876	1.673911636	0.2394275348
C	2.4827624994	3.0722828145	-0.0681611245
C	1.1079133146	3.3048725669	0.1984220555
N	0.4902300447	2.1406279797	0.6658452628
C	3.2867361243	4.1119964315	-0.548628362
C	2.7079021852	5.3632106756	-0.7508314617
C	1.343152365	5.5876668634	-0.4845211129
C	0.5296932324	4.5620318049	-0.0076805213
H	6.7729940167	-3.8049372947	0.0263928908
H	8.7952097052	-2.3931990706	-0.3241203955
H	8.5609472862	0.0835077892	-0.4056251131
H	6.3247551719	1.1371490342	-0.1369723477
H	4.5459687992	-2.7438216965	0.286834053
H	-1.9474181755	2.4371931691	-0.7700471309
H	4.3390300739	3.9413762795	-0.7586829833
H	3.3190192662	6.1831233759	-1.1203089061
H	0.9216703068	6.5760266482	-0.650274971
H	-0.5232860714	4.7285333029	0.2090949787
C	1.4329803975	1.1968836538	0.6847348329
H	1.2128730117	0.1970601981	1.0378324527
H	0.5502669649	-2.022565907	0.2581055923
C	-6.6004160515	2.7773118087	0.2402704703
C	-7.7686048365	2.0462792453	0.0163892596
C	-7.6942303931	0.6683225344	-0.2161850541
C	-6.4655911944	0.0170388831	-0.2278917497
C	-5.2999490958	0.7620063292	-0.0018109512
C	-5.3598333316	2.1435844708	0.2332903272
N	-4.021986831	0.1627222554	0.001818887
N	-3.8863911389	-1.1118569902	-0.1176051224
C	-2.6834193084	-1.6914492679	-0.0984427503
C	-2.5060093505	-3.137165251	-0.1791489413
C	-1.1201648132	-3.3669276174	-0.0649615067
N	-0.4832193065	-2.1263256041	0.0685878826
C	-3.3723256648	-4.2230780468	-0.3228858165
C	-2.8226797051	-5.5044728599	-0.3498933697
C	-1.4361726378	-5.7119951888	-0.2342665263
C	-0.5566741621	-4.6407425974	-0.0883433898
H	-6.6515923122	3.8463943149	0.4241731579
H	-8.7333045356	2.5450210273	0.0226306193
H	-8.6014702775	0.0974345612	-0.3918298604
H	-6.3940688901	-1.0488407239	-0.4087350472
H	-4.4423184147	2.6963885907	0.4133116833
H	-4.4433921303	-4.070298618	-0.4106166562
H	-3.4787467694	-6.3627400332	-0.4628042586
H	-1.0440503201	-6.7242337215	-0.2603540615
H	0.5160112633	-4.7807461373	0.001074489
C	-1.37250648	-1.138714115	0.0477790968
H	-1.0698137056	-0.1021467731	0.1200047559
O	-2.0791960025	2.0771589798	0.1216751252
H	-1.1173482618	2.0829461747	0.5095116671
H	-3.1988917892	0.8191098296	0.0945018204
O	2.114322745	-2.098460462	0.7748765589
H	2.1995908884	-2.1859744385	1.7372543919
H	2.782270037	-1.3552831824	0.5364981248

Energy= -1561.5247819 (Hartrees)

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1561.031644 (Hartrees)

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -1561.000149 (Hartrees)

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= -1560.999205 (Hartrees)

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1561.099067 (Hartrees)



**Figure A233** Charge-separated intermediate **Int2** at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory.

**TS6 (B3LYP/6-31G(d))**

C	-6.7594300003	2.5459744012	-0.7541373952
C	-7.8909592503	1.7301323162	-0.699092278
C	-7.736109766	0.3486069847	-0.5355277163
C	-6.469985672	-0.2163573358	-0.4279270309
C	-5.327585844	0.6043628242	-0.4755825716
C	-5.4859898981	1.9901608602	-0.6459596938
N	-4.0013862179	0.1214410139	-0.3805967306
N	-3.9027683675	-1.120865664	-0.0688557697
C	-2.6629211497	-1.6727484405	-0.0523439272
C	-2.3667118673	-2.9771672052	0.5009981024
C	-0.9760170174	-3.1747709933	0.2942037302
N	-0.4385744011	-2.0778897125	-0.3754158108
C	-3.1198259084	-3.9616441243	1.1529128556
C	-2.4750502047	-5.1204630782	1.5764863098
C	-1.0937874852	-5.3064923472	1.3668276165
C	-0.3283379379	-4.3371003292	0.7250118711
H	-6.8671758019	3.6199699617	-0.8837159089
H	-8.8839028365	2.1626290333	-0.7881095326
H	-8.6130376118	-0.2932687673	-0.4981205417
H	-6.3381701336	-1.2854505653	-0.3075243609
H	-4.6009497545	2.6187025464	-0.6841213655
H	1.8583633713	-1.6701600022	-2.1156920133
H	-4.1840938039	-3.8198016635	1.3185807747
H	-3.0451257433	-5.8979188097	2.0789148395
H	-0.620212267	-6.2218604537	1.7122960391
H	0.7371831263	-4.471998297	0.5588243261
C	-1.4320227704	-1.1991503836	-0.5707209881
H	-1.266908285	-0.286852859	-1.1308634714
H	-0.54178124	2.1432509334	0.1501590218
C	6.2855061288	-2.9327242411	-0.8278164323
C	7.5082273513	-2.305586679	-0.5803875242
C	7.539538784	-0.9465239142	-0.2470621925
C	6.3625290177	-0.2111995348	-0.1600169947
C	5.1405201051	-0.8509331231	-0.4128520331
C	5.0955064844	-2.2133627682	-0.7459100901
N	3.9059270872	-0.1725024073	-0.34284308
N	3.8626405988	1.0719575238	-0.0255783815
C	2.6891600642	1.7151196818	0.06795575
C	2.5808333134	3.1330627659	0.3847367849
C	1.1995442103	3.4220570396	0.4166684545
N	0.5035803482	2.2380200886	0.1432948607
C	3.5018063317	4.1546263452	0.6310155939
C	3.0144935561	5.4320942656	0.902259718
C	1.6336626745	5.7003754652	0.9270615684
C	0.6998186353	4.6953694185	0.6829459402
H	6.2548485503	-3.9877754893	-1.0839393025
H	8.4336545091	-2.8705651325	-0.6444302421
H	8.4897831456	-0.4570974432	-0.0530274994
H	6.3723511225	0.8411288899	0.0980968971
H	4.1320383844	-2.6806574579	-0.9292526177
H	4.568440062	3.9539201243	0.6108751901
H	3.714515319	6.2394575908	1.0973562799
H	1.2892202892	6.7083787231	1.1382271029
H	-0.3682836232	4.8896254662	0.693024791
C	1.355811274	1.2353188061	-0.0638883031
H	1.0245116425	0.2327004399	-0.2969337696
O	1.8963024889	-1.66511281	-1.1466742591
H	0.7977876458	-1.913539665	-0.7732781659
H	3.025327524	-0.7495570582	-0.6271292967
O	-2.2168626296	2.1091667199	0.2814336927
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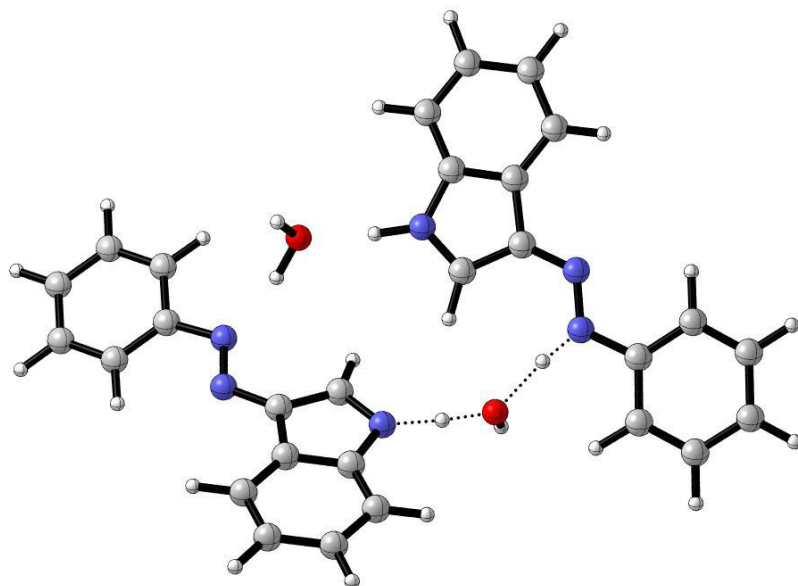
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**Figure A234** Transition state for the water-mediated proton transfer to form the *E*- dimer of **3a** from the intermediate **Int2** at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory.

***E*-dimer (B3LYP/6-31G(d))**

C	-6.6828079386	2.6137493194	-0.0625348466
C	-7.8667209948	1.8789720808	-0.1385749843
C	-7.8142180977	0.4798793555	-0.1617910108
C	-6.5938297894	-0.1832372954	-0.1094226018
C	-5.3997633076	0.5559971449	-0.0318061765
C	-5.4536532243	1.9583371747	-0.0094355038
N	-4.1070365807	-0.0261014337	0.0257200782
N	-4.092582345	-1.2989978979	0.0076997976
C	-2.8745175309	-1.9310548192	0.0457370621
C	-2.7436865089	-3.3739641391	0.0304579749
C	-1.3553278617	-3.6527113742	0.0534519402
N	-0.6820694003	-2.4372830451	0.0862000937
C	-3.6561853724	-4.4371970592	-0.003178661
C	-3.1624191258	-5.7369895409	-0.0141231685
C	-1.7763551202	-5.9942883939	0.0078124185
C	-0.8515345998	-4.9560866287	0.041927179
H	-6.7141185858	3.6998158001	-0.0456695019
H	-8.8251721918	2.3891163212	-0.1806059752
H	-8.7346338627	-0.0952521846	-0.2219110322
H	-6.5395006575	-1.2654549423	-0.1273166645
H	-4.5265514087	2.5210179217	0.0481849298
H	2.0927239189	-1.9257854693	-1.4572706825
H	-4.7238925208	-4.2413209592	-0.0209489988
H	-3.8557773626	-6.573207415	-0.039916855
H	-1.4242169013	-7.0220047169	-0.0009269262
H	0.2176876347	-5.1471208786	0.0611690706
C	-1.5731766368	-1.4172004671	0.0792044064
H	-1.2452499988	-0.3887087131	0.1077877672
H	-0.3503098064	2.2907312148	-0.0558090521
C	6.6683064103	-2.6318838649	0.0421314463
C	7.8522681287	-1.8972706566	0.1189232879
C	7.799910398	-0.4981798533	0.1426426495
C	6.5796141429	0.1650860823	0.0900238081
C	5.385497268	-0.5739888463	0.0116413432
C	5.4392382865	-1.9763218187	-0.0112211144
N	4.092856058	0.0083082398	-0.0461940071
N	4.078547884	1.2811933344	-0.027821294
C	2.8605478304	1.9133640199	-0.0661338002
C	2.7298042009	3.3562713286	-0.0505949467
C	1.3414682539	3.6351168452	-0.0739693428
N	0.6681466201	2.4197323219	-0.1071359482
C	3.6423525358	4.4194480254	-0.0164661762
C	3.1486567474	5.7192666562	-0.0054218176
C	1.7626171008	5.9766557707	-0.0277401059
C	0.8377435923	4.9385149628	-0.0623478355
H	6.699500492	-3.7179478861	0.0248781801
H	8.8106451677	-2.4075377077	0.1611549007
H	8.7203636788	0.0768288525	0.2033594287
H	6.5253957237	1.2473017576	0.1083005205
H	4.5121105426	-2.5388984283	-0.0694016689
H	4.7100445979	4.2235163324	0.0015940405
H	3.8420595452	6.555435902	0.0207500878
H	1.4105393699	7.0043916537	-0.0189054885
H	-0.2314609872	5.129614722	-0.0818786409
C	1.5591866197	1.3995931799	-0.1000937307
H	1.2312080591	0.3711263477	-0.1289495197
O	2.0413238585	-1.9044011142	-0.4890909582
H	0.3363919487	-2.3082647118	0.0345259581
H	2.7207213396	-1.2212017288	-0.2307754157
O	-2.0553694286	1.886627145	0.4677001434
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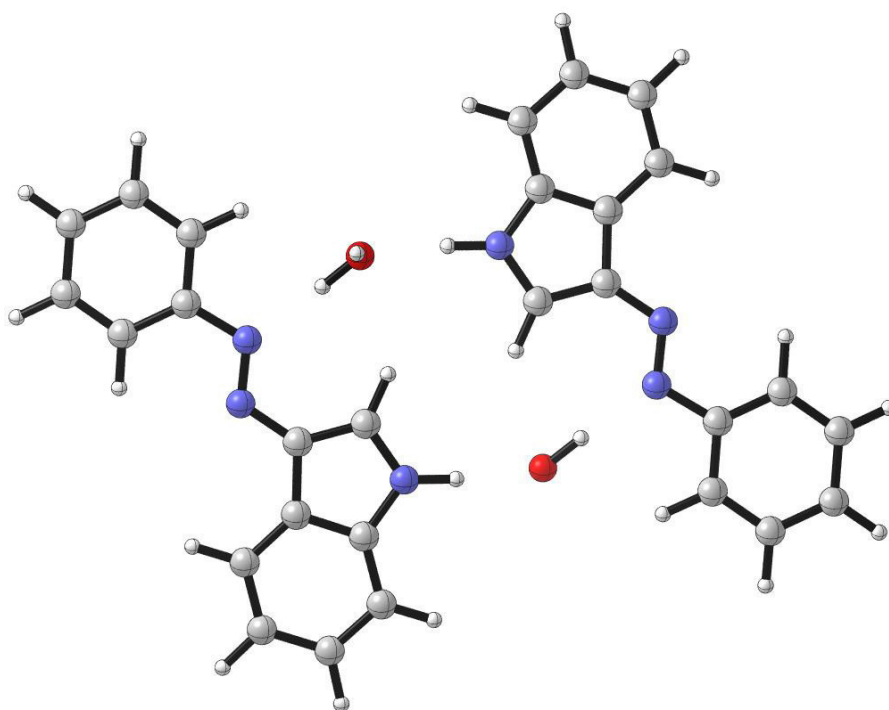
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Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1561.125441



**Figure A235** Dimer of two *E*-**3a** molecules with two molecules of water (dubbed as *E*-dimer) at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory.

# Z-dimer (non-water-complexed) (ωB97XD/6-31G(d))

C	4.397867	0.863773	-0.79926
C	4.910027	1.759416	0.13487
C	4.181434	2.90146	0.467783
C	2.943059	3.13934	-0.114795
C	2.422648	2.223515	-1.032825
C	3.158979	1.095651	-1.390454
N	1.189887	2.496044	-1.699339
N	0.092205	2.37836	-1.105317
C	-0.089953	1.868348	0.182361
C	-1.435738	1.787439	0.701149
C	-1.373959	1.062081	1.900377
N	-0.046245	0.734377	2.110941
C	-2.676664	2.225436	0.223436
C	-3.80603	1.924215	0.960609
C	-3.722456	1.194026	2.162356
C	-2.507762	0.749313	2.651489
H	4.963574	-0.019885	-1.078046
H	5.879626	1.580358	0.589292
H	4.58202	3.612796	1.18403
H	2.366231	4.023124	0.140022
H	2.761398	0.406725	-2.130274
H	0.275151	0.097477	2.823619
H	-2.738214	2.765682	-0.714866
H	-4.780438	2.237167	0.599016
H	-4.632614	0.963872	2.707734
H	-2.439727	0.166575	3.564401
C	0.7214	1.19373	1.088892
H	1.777838	0.979332	1.070368
H	-0.444756	0.156934	-2.68265
C	3.610653	-2.093152	0.678939
C	3.728112	-2.980985	-0.386136
C	2.625889	-3.743757	-0.773125
C	1.408917	-3.604523	-0.118931
C	1.286171	-2.688879	0.930567
C	2.39648	-1.956292	1.345376
N	0.076556	-2.596333	1.684585
N	-0.98399	-2.160364	1.178719
C	-1.107519	-1.591552	-0.090745
C	-2.422387	-1.252976	-0.586339
C	-2.240639	-0.53843	-1.781925
N	-0.876777	-0.45497	-2.006855
C	-3.716506	-1.474038	-0.10599
C	-4.78319	-0.976627	-0.834747
C	-4.581001	-0.264982	-2.031356
C	-3.307546	-0.034963	-2.525242
H	4.466298	-1.509046	1.0028
H	4.67838	-3.096749	-0.898537
H	2.71698	-4.455954	-1.587959
H	0.544425	-4.188541	-0.419077
H	2.309227	-1.289822	2.19862
H	-3.864665	-2.006724	0.827099
H	-5.796147	-1.129887	-0.474765
H	-5.439865	0.114279	-2.576872
H	-3.146361	0.518828	-3.444996
C	-0.199965	-1.064257	-0.999133
H	0.878249	-1.040309	-0.981291

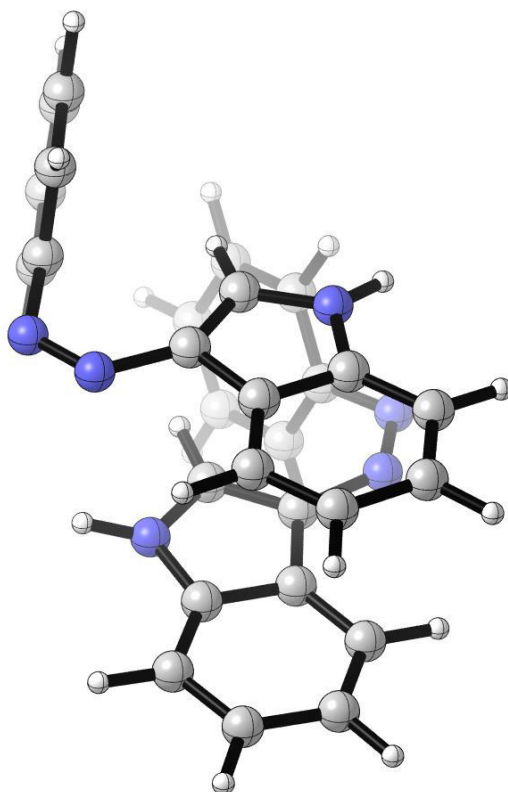
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Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1407.778325 (Hartrees)



**Figure A236** Dimer of two **Z-3a** molecules at the  $\omega$ B97XD/6-31G(d) level of theory.

TS-dimer (non-water-complexed) (ωB97XD/6-31G(d))

C	-4.12073	-0.940661	-1.161144
C	-4.640915	-1.84232	-0.238574
C	-3.863251	-2.922352	0.182326
C	-2.566746	-3.081562	-0.286602
C	-2.028818	-2.152889	-1.184406
C	-2.825745	-1.105458	-1.646791
N	-0.715817	-2.325076	-1.711641
N	0.299471	-2.202685	-0.963926
C	0.314033	-1.731947	0.331756
C	1.578149	-1.552185	1.005552
C	1.293482	-0.8133	2.173141
N	-0.065844	-0.52669	2.254539
C	2.898049	-1.895184	0.693033
C	3.902961	-1.494979	1.55721
C	3.613364	-0.759596	2.723371
C	2.31218	-0.410751	3.042807
H	-4.721609	-0.105559	-1.508931
H	-5.652046	-1.718349	0.137501
H	-4.269943	-3.642336	0.886638
H	-1.947656	-3.905709	0.053928
H	-2.430382	-0.424067	-2.396412
H	-0.287619	0.911771	2.267716
H	3.11901	-2.443654	-0.217418
H	4.936403	-1.74242	1.330759
H	4.425492	-0.461188	3.380486
H	2.080974	0.163585	3.935318
C	-0.627934	-1.080243	1.160351
H	-1.684339	-0.944949	0.980452
H	0.433236	-0.265704	-2.880482
C	-3.967723	1.775335	0.99202
C	-4.128092	2.74633	0.009264
C	-3.011912	3.429044	-0.475022
C	-1.743553	3.129583	0.000384
C	-1.582422	2.122807	0.958326
C	-2.701594	1.470953	1.479378
N	-0.315754	1.850483	1.543295
N	0.820363	1.829085	0.938043
C	1.003643	1.622198	-0.375697
C	2.34504	1.364713	-0.877307
C	2.199405	0.606757	-2.044717
N	0.828667	0.43845	-2.267617
C	3.617178	1.625507	-0.374545
C	4.707667	1.127135	-1.072034
C	4.542648	0.378247	-2.247703
C	3.281046	0.101403	-2.75576
H	-4.829683	1.246041	1.384765
H	-5.117458	2.982024	-0.36997
H	-3.131431	4.207438	-1.222367
H	-0.877321	3.666543	-0.372817
H	-2.577515	0.727371	2.260636
H	3.738531	2.169832	0.555281
H	5.709356	1.303519	-0.693313
H	5.418086	-0.003735	-2.763074
H	3.145623	-0.497657	-3.650077
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H	-0.951828	0.900927	-1.25334

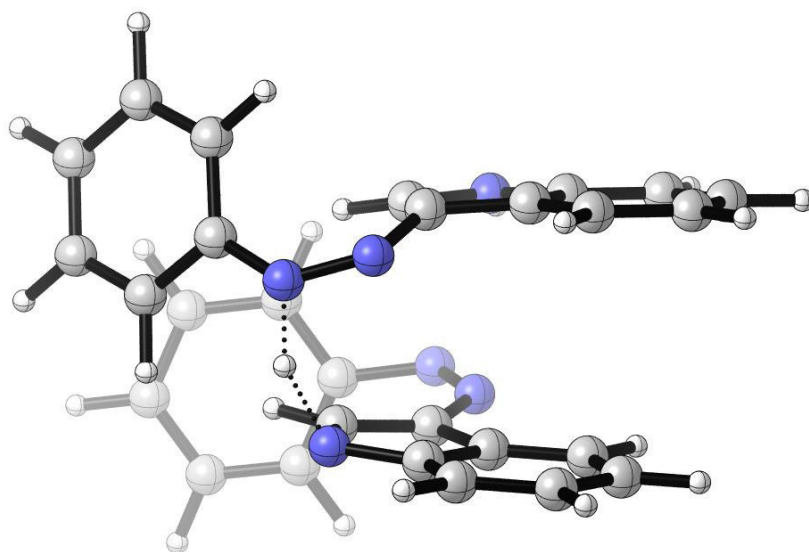
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Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1407.729030 (Hartrees)



**Figure A237** TS of the intermolecular proton transfer between two **Z-3a** molecules at the  $\omega$ B97XD/6-31G(d) level of theory.

# Inversion TS for 3a (B3LYP/6-31G(d))

C	4.637269644	0.1111458223	1.2054852713
C	5.3295839401	0.3139920516	0.0080803068
C	4.637786699	0.1454534068	-1.1949291839
C	3.2951329954	-0.2099593598	-1.2238105625
C	2.5915544079	-0.4133130409	-0.0028958757
C	3.294615739	-0.2449781894	1.223626133
N	1.306587212	-0.7608347473	-0.0081701929
N	0.120410145	-1.0980229731	-0.0136174576
C	-0.8488369079	-0.0715746727	0.0003716424
C	-2.2667329032	-0.335737756	-0.0043264048
C	-2.9101105448	0.9268193474	0.0131193143
N	-1.9132794059	1.8956296444	0.0275833724
C	-0.6821429091	1.3038641992	0.0199739436
C	-3.0453271108	-1.5028746689	-0.0214410438
C	-4.4287536194	-1.3772160315	-0.0206701855
C	-5.0501363822	-0.1111357425	-0.003174095
C	-4.3012989026	1.0600733682	0.0139890978
H	5.1514685266	0.2304822163	2.1566966177
H	6.3788558219	0.5912326477	0.0122672462
H	5.1523909661	0.2919204891	-2.1421238752
H	2.771020445	-0.3432332487	-2.1645355058
H	2.7701124277	-0.405108986	2.1599350396
H	-2.0731102598	2.8923394334	0.0412455502
H	0.2279300049	1.8863812584	0.0288237762
H	-2.5676362996	-2.4773728988	-0.0349224081
H	-5.0477417648	-2.2698829816	-0.0337850197
H	-6.1346240793	-0.0491149062	-0.0030979748
H	-4.7790289288	2.0360059403	0.0274713795

Energy= -704.2663695 (Hartrees)

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -704.048151 (Hartrees)

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -704.035232 (Hartrees)

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= -704.034288 (Hartrees)

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### Inversion TS for 3c (B3LYP/6-31G(d))

C	-4.6384967987	0.1304974893	-1.2001328748
C	-5.3303285512	0.3181423438	0.0001512176
C	-4.638493591	0.1307332934	1.2004703495
C	-3.2967970563	-0.2282292882	1.223960356
C	-2.592767057	-0.4157275304	0.0002201248
C	-3.2968001471	-0.2284687627	-1.2235554485
N	-1.3089560595	-0.7645828068	0.000251155
N	-0.1221780486	-1.1032290495	0.0002604154
C	0.8476501081	-0.081278407	0.0001362035
C	2.2642024087	-0.3439977663	0.0001329965
C	2.9025834981	0.9214456534	-0.0000099611
N	1.9111913366	1.9006694564	-0.000080988
C	0.6864555312	1.2959466464	-0.0000014341
C	3.0449441221	-1.5088293476	0.0002326309
C	4.4286359955	-1.3800466268	0.0001832627
C	5.0465707536	-0.1128962871	0.0000373901
C	4.2942820503	1.0571317368	-0.0000619481
H	-5.1527119768	0.2643027122	-2.1494740138
H	-6.379051852	0.5975602677	0.0001253067
H	-5.1527065473	0.2647253478	2.1497863373
H	-2.772902679	-0.3761373418	2.1626674171
H	-2.7729079209	-0.3765612582	-2.1622346731
H	-0.2244271488	1.878357446	-0.0000433998
H	2.5693438211	-2.4844829035	0.0003436949
H	5.049527234	-2.271542144	0.0002575747
H	6.1309310943	-0.048023641	0.0000004989
H	4.7735087504	2.0318538443	-0.0001778179
C	2.1549578044	3.3320998378	-0.0002930369
H	2.7201117389	3.6268647767	0.8905188623
H	2.7197759037	3.6266673063	-0.8913832899
H	1.1976457228	3.8561888625	-0.0001664478

Solv.	$\epsilon$	$\Delta G^\ddagger$
gas	0	24.23
cyclohexane	2.0165	24.91
dioxane	2.2099	24.99
mesitylene	2.265	25.01
benzene	2.2706	25.01
toluene	2.3741	25.05
methanol	32.613	26.06
acetonitrile	35.688	26.07

**Table A** Activation energies for the inversion TS of **3c** in different solvents (the value of  $\epsilon$  for each solvent is the one implemented in Gaussian).

# Rotational TS for 3a (B3LYP/6-31G(d))

C	-3.3518938335	-0.4094484566	1.7213658113
C	-4.5913876668	0.0435717179	1.2487397298
C	-4.759052278	0.3113621097	-0.1172385192
C	-3.7046655216	0.1330045538	-0.9999098703
C	-2.4387103407	-0.3060949922	-0.5309863558
C	-2.2829596542	-0.585399963	0.8539371803
N	-1.4516809681	-0.4483360052	-1.4730948818
N	-0.2408489412	-0.8366703812	-1.1057105227
C	0.655298705	0.0528113291	-0.6444118853
C	2.0153540482	-0.290874534	-0.2474200067
C	2.6459557952	0.9096926602	0.1534294
N	1.7235875918	1.9394018285	0.005245619
C	0.5343358644	1.4452656197	-0.4728422127
C	2.7257948205	-1.4938187165	-0.199270018
C	4.0452719748	-1.4729376496	0.245622158
C	4.6568936924	-0.2690766349	0.6419735693
C	3.9675469287	0.9407564947	0.602494932
H	-3.225901428	-0.6315387935	2.7781314208
H	-5.4211648365	0.1770687963	1.9370738326
H	-5.7209861019	0.6549764871	-0.4884504057
H	-3.8137428239	0.3265827423	-2.06262715
H	-1.3281292457	-0.9519706448	1.2148552074
H	1.9094795706	2.9134217258	0.1895027767
H	-0.3068023286	2.0893749265	-0.6784603187
H	2.2496040891	-2.4194187074	-0.5083652709
H	4.6136808974	-2.3976916249	0.2875738825
H	5.6876039335	-0.2812096694	0.9854103446
H	4.4418270571	1.8694827816	0.9084095533

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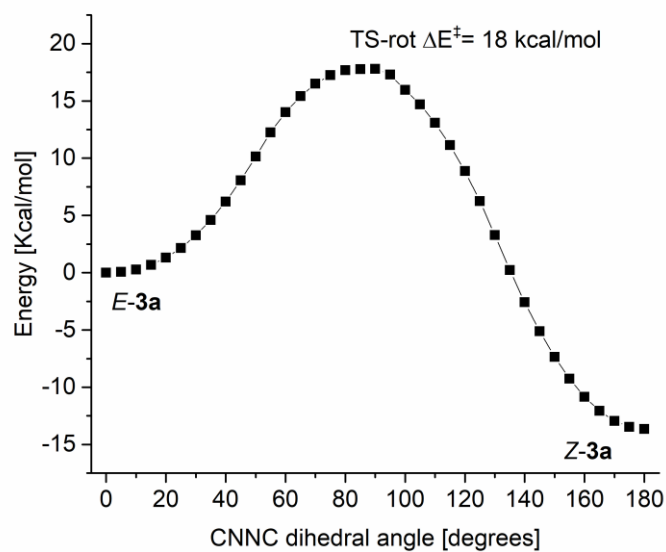
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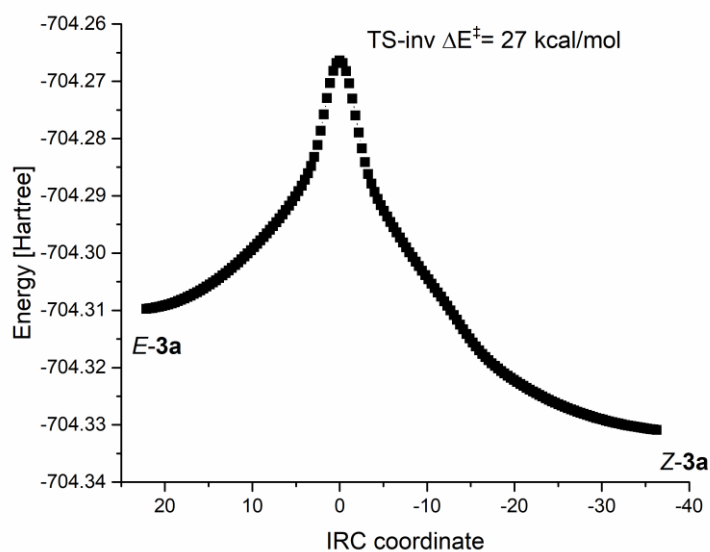
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#### 4.4.2 Reaction coordinates for the intramolecular *Z*-to-*E* pathways

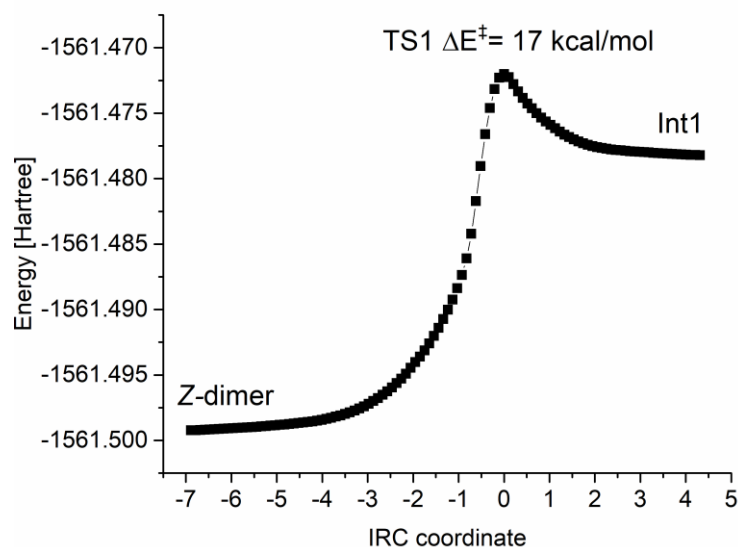


**Figure A238** Energy barrier for the constrained rotation around the azo group, describing the rotational transition state. The data are obtained at the (BS)-B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory.

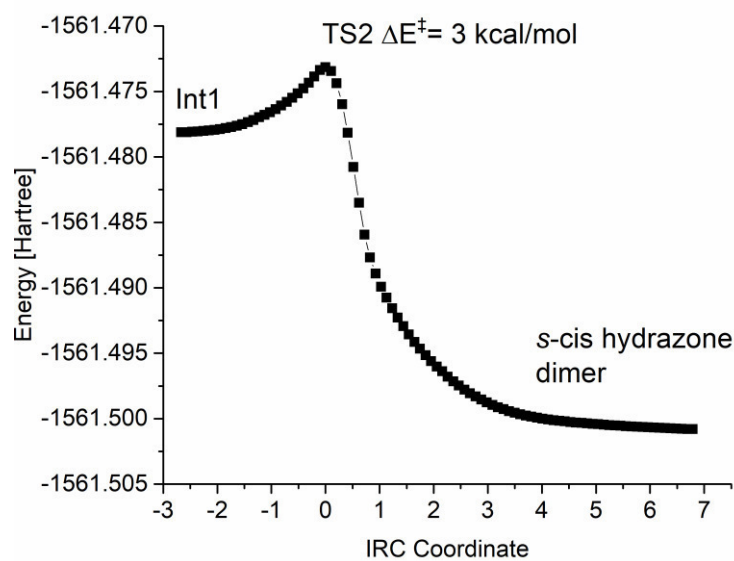


**Figure A239** Intrinsic reaction coordinate regarding the inversion mechanism at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory.

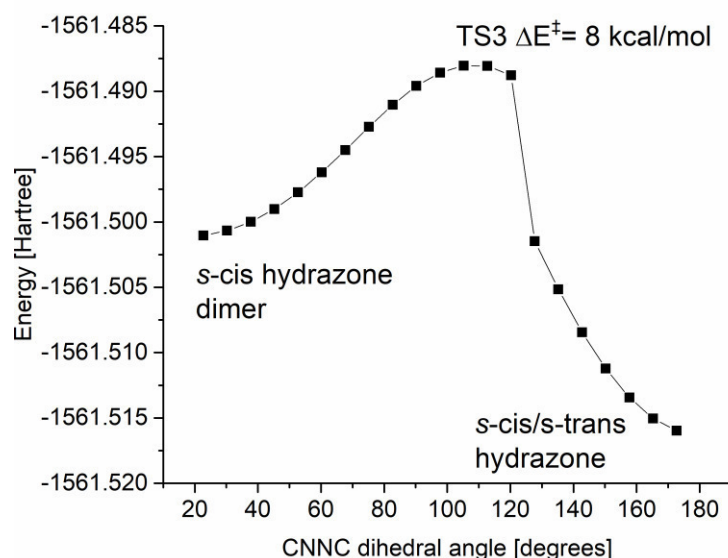
#### 4.4.3 Reaction coordinates for the intermolecular hydrazone *Z*-to-*E* pathway



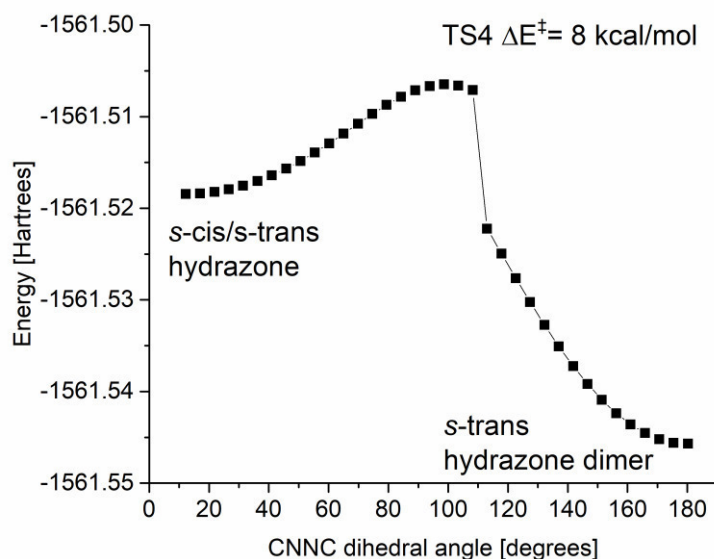
**Figure A240** Intrinsic reaction coordinate for the formation of the charge-separated dimer **Int1** from the *Z*-dimer of **3a** complexed with two water molecules at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory.



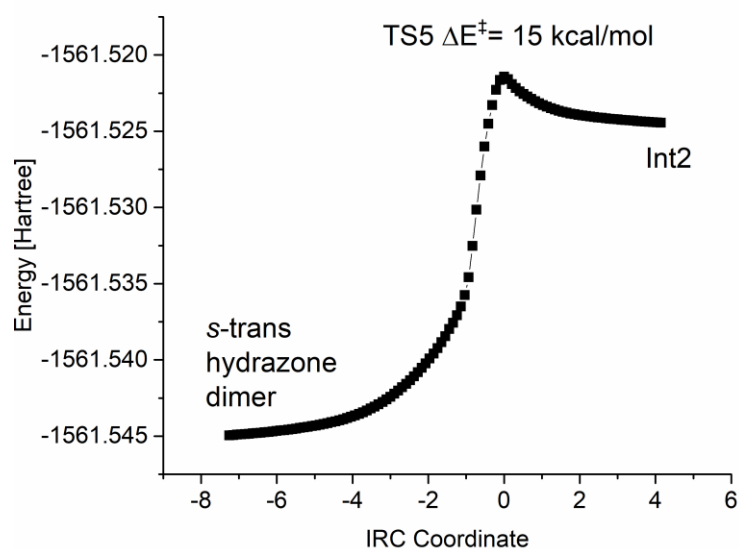
**Figure A241** Intrinsic reaction coordinate for the formation of the *s*-cis hydrazone dimer from **Int1** at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory.



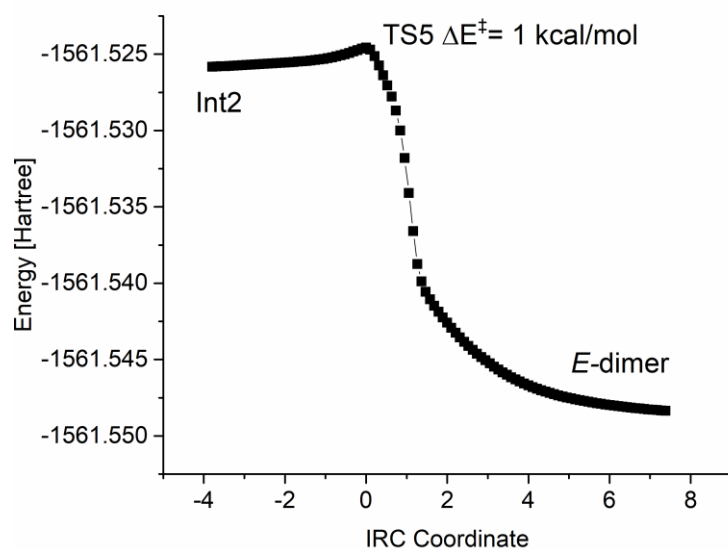
**Figure A242** Energy barrier for the constrained rotation around the azo group of one of the two *s*-cis hydrazones. The outcome of the reaction is a water complex of an *s*-trans and *s*-cis hydrazone. The data are obtained at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory. The discontinuity is due to the “umbrella” inversion of the pyramidalized protonated nitrogen of the rotating hydrazone. This pathway was not investigated further.



**Figure A243** Energy barrier for the constrained rotation around the azo group, of the *s*-cis hydrazone in the *s*-cis/*s*-trans hydrazone complex. The outcome of the reaction is a water complex of two *s*-trans hydrazones. The data are obtained at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory. The discontinuity is due to the “umbrella” inversion of the pyramidalized protonated nitrogen of the rotating hydrazone. This pathway was not investigated further.



**Figure A244** Intrinsic reaction coordinate for the formation of **Int2** from the *s*-trans hydrazone dimer at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory.



**Figure A245** Intrinsic reaction coordinate for the formation of the *E*-dimer of **3a** from **Int2** at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory.

## 6 Kinetic analysis

### 6.1 Analysis

In order to have more insights on the different mechanisms involved in the reaction of the *Z*- form of compound **3**, we designed a series of kinetic experiments.

All the experiments presented (with the exception of **3b** in MeOH, discussed more thoroughly in the main text) are characterised by mono-exponential decays and evidence a first-order (or pseudo first-order) kinetic. In particular, we monitored the disappearance of the *Z*-isomer following the formation of the  $\pi\pi^*$  band of the *E*- isomer, immediately after its conversion to its *Z*- form by means of irradiation. Consequently, the kinetic involved can be summarized as:

$$v = -\frac{\partial[Z-3]}{\partial t} = k_{obs}[Z-3] \quad (4)$$

where  $k_{obs}$  is the kinetic constant observed in the experiment. We tested the dependency of the rate constant on the presence of the indolic proton and on the presence of a protic solvent. In particular, the absence of the N-H in the structure of the compound as in **3c** leads to the results summarized in Table A106.

<b>3c</b> [ $\mu\text{M}$ ]	$\tau$ [h]	$k_{obs}$ [ $10^{-4}\text{s}^{-1}$ ]
6	2.5	1.1
30	2.2	1.3
50	2.4	1.2
50 <sup>a</sup>	2.2	1.3
70	2.5	1.1
100	2.3	1.2
135	2.3	1.2

<sup>a</sup>100  $\mu\text{L}$  of water added to a 3 mL solution.

**Table A106** Lifetimes and  $k_{obs}$  for different concentrations of **3c** in MeOH.

The  $k_{obs}$  is independent from both the initial concentration and the water content, therefore it can be stated that **3c** follows a first-order kinetic mechanism of *Z*-to-*E* interconversion. However, in order to rule out the possibility that the protic solvent neutralizes the effect of the addition of water, we repeated the previous experiment using dry MeCN as solvent (see Table A107).

<b>3c</b> [ $\mu\text{M}$ ]	$\tau$ [d]	$k_{obs}$ [ $10^{-5}\text{s}^{-1}$ ]
25	1.18	0.99
50	1.17	0.98
50 <sup>a</sup>	1.23	0.94
80	0.93	1.24
130	1.11	1.04

<sup>a</sup>100  $\mu\text{L}$  of water added to a 3 mL solution

**Table A107** Lifetimes and  $k_{obs}$  for different concentrations of **3c** in MeCN.

Only limited variations, attributable more likely to experimental factors, can be found in the experiment. Hence, the N-Me switch seems not affected neither by the concentration, nor by the presence of a protic solvent.

The case of **3b**, here representing the N-H indole class of switches, is more interesting. In particular, no concentration dependency was found in dry DMSO, as reported in Table A108. Since

the rate constant  $k_{\text{obs}}$  is not varied upon changes of the concentration, also in this case we have a first-order mechanism.

<b>3b</b> [ $\mu\text{M}$ ]	$\tau$ [ms]	$k_{\text{obs}}$ [ $\text{s}^{-1}$ ]
6	1.4	721
30	1.4	717
50	1.3	779
70	1.3	792
100	1.4	740
135	1.4	711

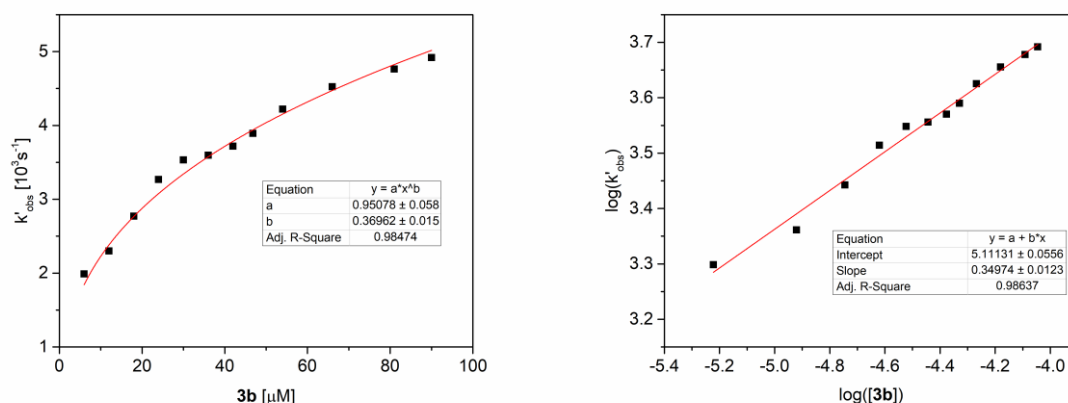
**Table A108** Lifetimes and  $k_{\text{obs}}$  for different concentrations of **3b** in dry DMSO.

However, the addition of a minimal amount of water in the solvent mixture (50  $\mu\text{L}$  of water in 3 mL of dry DMSO solutions, 1.67% v/v) leads to a concentration dependency on the rate of the reaction. The value of  $\Delta\text{OD}$  measured after the laser shot remains almost constant (ca. -0.1), hence the amount of Z-**3b** generated results constant (if we suppose the  $\epsilon$  of the Z isomer is negligible compared to the  $\epsilon$  of the E isomer measured at the  $\pi\pi^*$  peak of the latter, we can approximate the concentration of the Z-form generated after the laser shot to be 6 $\mu\text{M}$ ). The results measured with the laser flash photolysis are summarized in Table A109 and plotted in Figure A246.

<b>3b</b> [ $\mu\text{M}$ ]	$\tau$ [ $\mu\text{s}$ ]	$k'_{\text{obs}}$ [ $10^3\text{s}^{-1}$ ]
6	503	1.99
12	435	2.30
18	361	2.77
24	306	3.27
30	283	3.53
36	278	3.60
42	269	3.72
46.8	257	3.89
54	237	4.22
66	221	4.52
81	210	4.76
90	203	4.92

**Table A109** Lifetimes and  $k'_{\text{obs}}$  for different concentrations of **3b** in DMSO with fixed water content (1.67% v/v).





**Figure A246** Plot of the observed kinetic constant  $k'_{obs}$  vs the concentration of **3b** in DMSO with fixed water content (1.67% v/v) (left). Double logarithmic linearization of the previous plot (right).

The kinetic constants  $k'_{obs}$  observed at different concentrations of **3b** (to be more precise, here we consider the sum  $[3b] = ([Z-3b] + [E-3b])$  that over time remains constant to the initial value of  $E-3b$  dissolved in solution before irradiation) are fitted using an allometric function, as reported for the case of the arylazomidazoles (see Ref. (26) in the main text):

$$k'_{obs} = k'[3b]^n \quad (5)$$

and linearized in its logarithmic form:

$$\log_{10} k'_{obs} = \log_{10} k' + n \log_{10} [3b] \quad (6)$$

Thus, for Equation (5)  $k' = 1.3 \cdot 10^5 \text{ M}^{-0.35} \text{ s}^{-1}$  while  $n = 0.35$ , producing a rate equation expressed as

$$v = k'[3b]^{0.35} [Z-3b] \quad (7)$$

similar to the one shown in Ref. (26).

This kinetic was indeed explained by Otsuki *et al.* considering that “the isomerization reaction is self-catalysed through intermolecular interactions, most likely through intermolecular hydrogen bonding.”<sup>26</sup>

On the other hand, the dependence of the observed kinetic constant to water concentration can be verified fixing the total concentration of **3b** ( $[3b] = 50 \mu\text{M}$ ) while the amount of water in DMSO is varied. Again, an apparent first order kinetic  $v = k''_{obs} [Z-3b]$  as Eqn. (4) is found at each point. However, the value of  $k''_{obs}$  becomes greater when the water concentration is increased, following a saturation kinetic as expressed by Table A110.

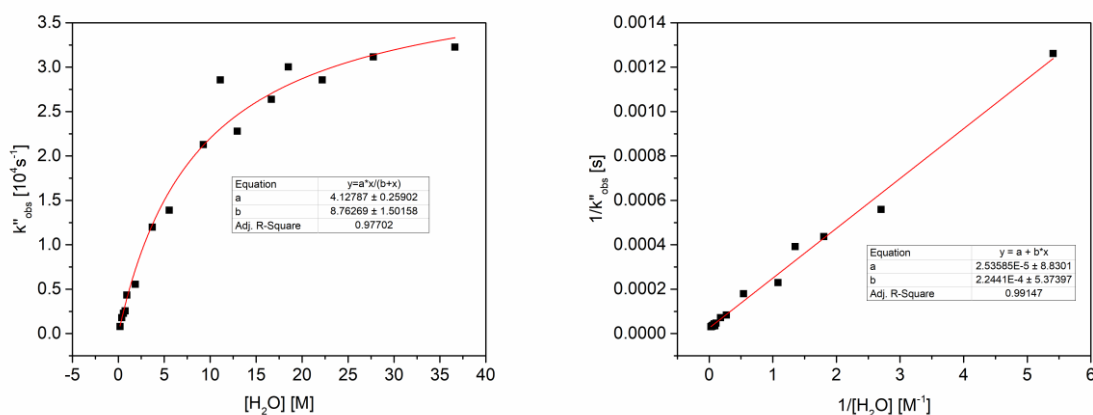
H <sub>2</sub> O [% v/v]	H <sub>2</sub> O [M]	$\tau$ [ $\mu$ s]	$k''_{\text{obs}}$ [ $10^4 \text{s}^{-1}$ ]
0	0	1300	0.0769
0.33	0.185	1261	0.0793
0.67	0.37	559	0.1789
1	0.555	437	0.2288
1.33	0.74	392	0.2551
1.67	0.925	230	0.4348
3.33	1.85	180	0.5556
6.67	3.7	83.4	1.199
10	5.55	72	1.389
16.66	9.25	47	2.128
20	11.1	35	2.857
23.33	12.95	43.9	2.278
30	16.65	37.9	2.638
33.33	18.5	33.3	3.003
40	22.2	35	2.857
50	27.75	32.1	3.115
66	36.63	31	3.226

**Table A110** Lifetimes and  $k''_{\text{obs}}$  for different concentrations of water in DMSO, with fixed [3b] content.

The data are fitted using a rectified hyperbole function with formula:

$$k''_{\text{obs}} = \frac{\alpha[H_2O]}{\beta + [H_2O]} \quad (8)$$

which can be linearized with a Lineweaver-Burk plot (see Figure S247).



**Figure S247** Plot of the observed kinetic constant  $k''_{\text{obs}}$  vs the concentration of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in DMSO (left). Double inverse linearization of the previous plot (right).

The parameters defining the hyperbolic behaviour of the kinetic constant are  $\alpha = 4 \cdot 10^4 \text{s}^{-1}$  and  $\beta = 8.96 \text{ M}$ .  $\alpha$  corresponds to the value of  $k''_{\text{obs}}$  at saturation, while  $\beta$  defines the water concentration at which  $k''_{\text{obs}}$  is equal to  $\frac{\alpha}{2}$ .

Thus, the rate equation can be rewritten as:

$$v = \frac{\alpha[H_2O]}{\beta + [H_2O]} [Z-3b] \quad (9)$$

A similar saturation kinetic can be related to the increased solvent ability to promote the intermolecular proton transfer. In particular, water can alter the short-range solvation between the molecules of **3b** involved in the proton transfer, in a way similar to the DMSO in benzene in the example of Berman *et al.*<sup>S24</sup>

To generalize, we can explicate the total concentration of **3b** that was kept fixed for the experiment and rewrite  $\alpha$  as  $\alpha=k'''[\mathbf{3b}]^{0.35}$

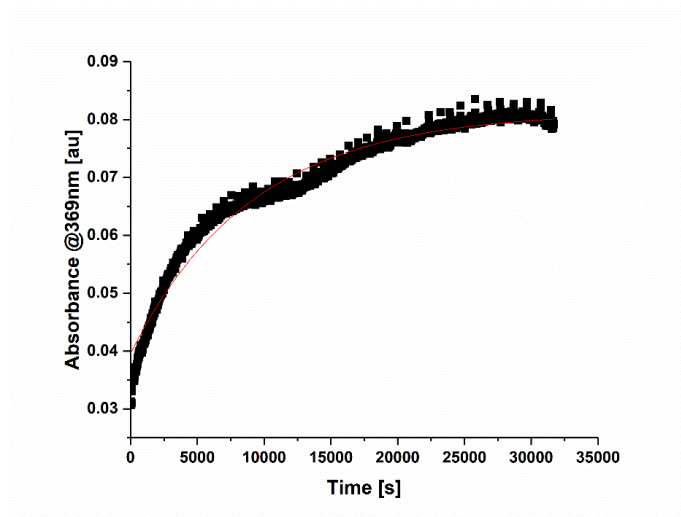
$$v = \frac{k'''[H_2O]}{\beta + [H_2O]} [\mathbf{3b}]^{0.35} [Z\text{-}\mathbf{3b}] \quad (10)$$

and  $k'''=1.4 \cdot 10^6 \text{ M}^{-1.35} \text{ s}^{-1}$ .

## 6.2 Lifetimes of the measurements reported in 6.1

### 6.2.1 3c

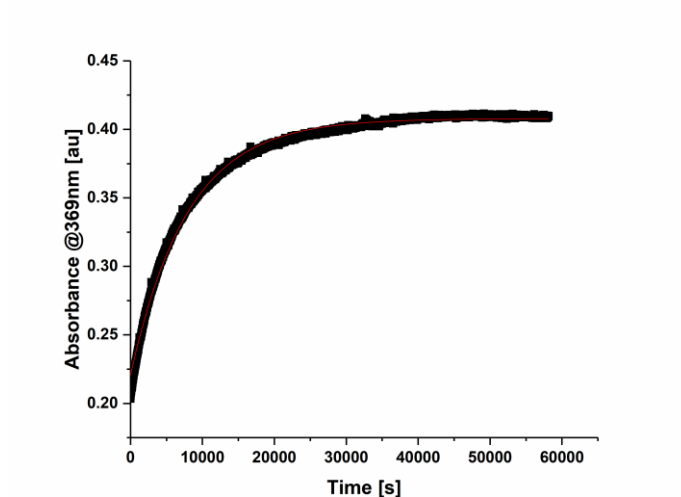
MeOH



**Figure A248:** PSS-to-*E* kinetic of **3c** in MeOH (6  $\mu$ M), irradiation with 400 nm LED,  $\lambda^{\text{obs}}$ =369 nm.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.08138 \pm 1.23834\text{E-}4$
A1	$-0.04181 \pm 1.60898\text{E-}4$
$\tau$	$9106.15387 \pm 98.82725$
R-Square(COD)	0.97155
Adj. R-Square	0.97152

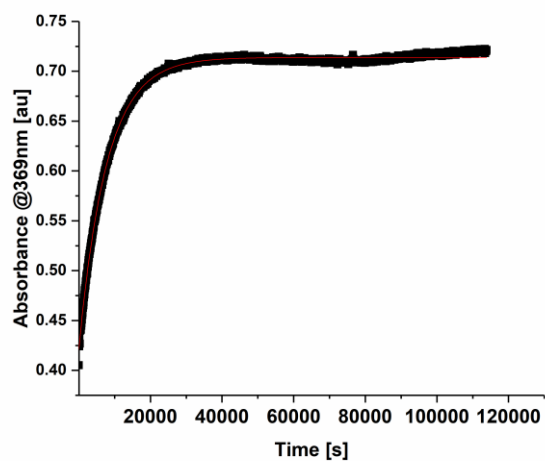
**Table A111** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A248.



**Figure A249:** PSS-to-*E* kinetic of **3c** in MeOH (30  $\mu$ M), irradiation with 400 nm LED,  $\lambda^{\text{obs}}$ =369 nm.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.40788 \pm 1.0445\text{E-}4$
A1	$-0.18734 \pm 3.84315\text{E-}4$
$\tau$	$7905.40629 \pm 28.8313$
R-Square(COD)	0.99454
Adj. R-Square	0.99453

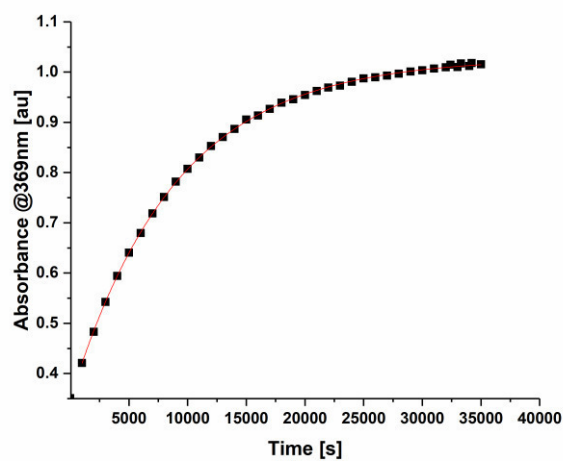
**Table A112** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A249.



**Figure A250:** PSS-to-*E* kinetic of **3c** in MeOH (3 mL 50  $\mu$ M solution with 100  $\mu$ L water), irradiation with 400 nm LED,  $\lambda_{\text{obs}}=369$  nm.

Equation	$y = A1*\exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.71382 \pm 9.59142\text{E-}5$
A1	$-0.2931 \pm 6.21859\text{E-}4$
$\tau$	$7740.7039 \pm 25.42772$
R-Square(COD)	0.99696
Adj. R-Square	0.99695

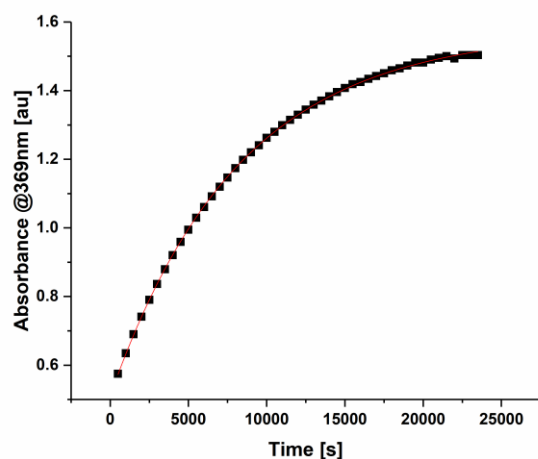
**Table A113** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A250.



**Figure A251:** PSS-to-*E* kinetic of **3c** in MeOH (70  $\mu$ M), irradiation with 400 nm LED,  $\lambda_{\text{obs}}=369$  nm.

Equation	$y = A1*\exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$1.02812 \pm 7.70044\text{E-}4$
A1	$-0.6798 \pm 0.0015$
$\tau$	$8917.80976 \pm 46.17369$
R-Square(COD)	0.99986
Adj. R-Square	0.99985

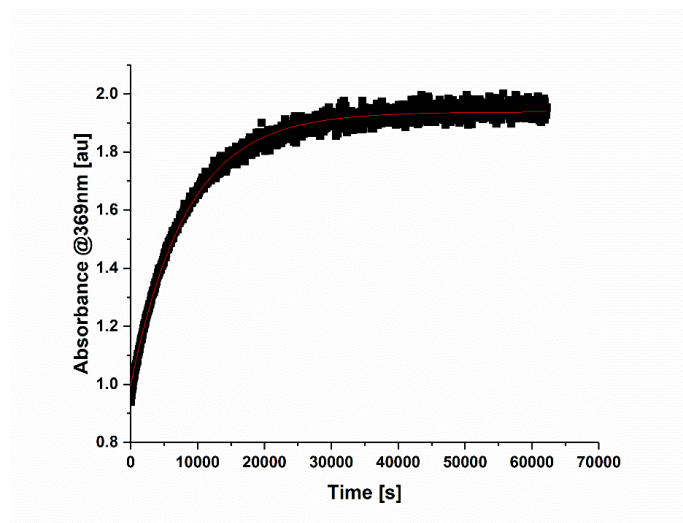
**Table A114** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A251.



**Figure A252:** PSS-to-*E* kinetic of **3c** in MeOH (100  $\mu$ M), irradiation with 400 nm LED,  $\lambda^{\text{obs}}$ =369 nm.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$1.57385 \pm 0.00179$
A1	$-1.06434 \pm 0.00181$
$\tau$	$8164.62797 \pm 44.40198$
R-Square(COD)	0.99987
Adj. R-Square	0.99987

**Table A115** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A252.

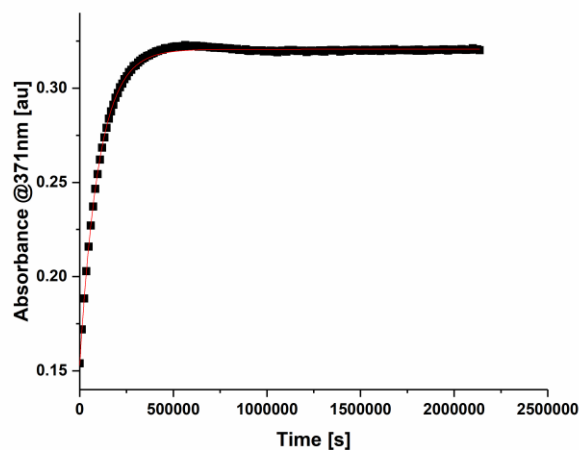


**Figure A253:** PSS-to-*E* kinetic of **3c** in MeOH (135  $\mu$ M), irradiation with 400 nm LED,  $\lambda^{\text{obs}}$ =369 nm.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$1.93841 \pm 7.46717\text{E-}4$
A1	$-0.94056 \pm 0.00278$
$\tau$	$8365.32144 \pm 43.74776$
R-Square(COD)	0.99098
Adj. R-Square	0.99097

**Table A116** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A253.

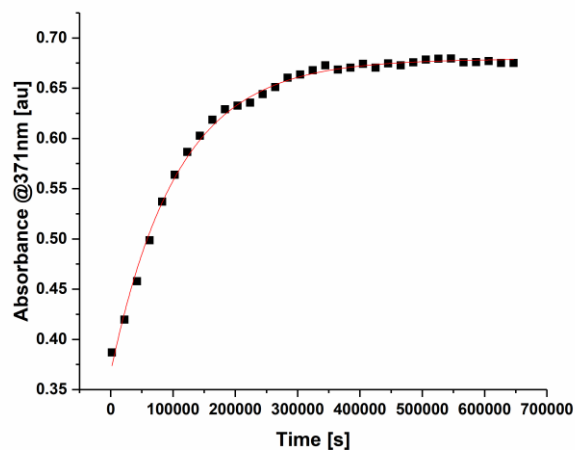
MeCN



**Figure A254:** PSS-to-*E* kinetic of **3c** in MeCN (25 μM), irradiation with 400 nm LED,  $\lambda_{\text{obs}}=371$  nm.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.32067 \pm 8.59956\text{E-}5$
A1	$-0.16782 \pm 6.35096\text{E-}4$
$\tau$	$101840.70954 \pm 610.08646$
R-Square(COD)	0.99845
Adj. R-Square	0.99843

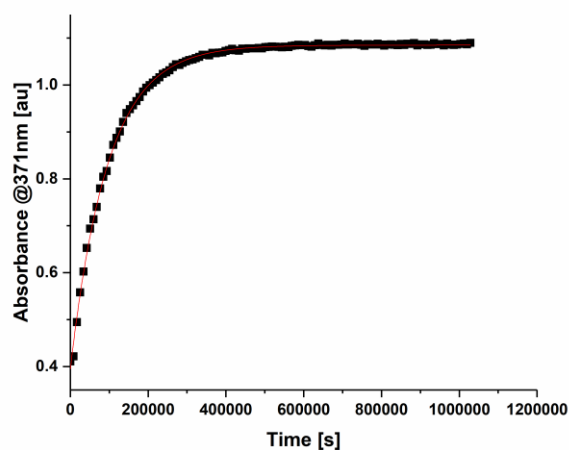
**Table A117** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A254.



**Figure A255:** PSS-to-*E* kinetic of **3c** in MeCN (3 mL 50 μM solution with 100 μL water), irradiation with 400 nm LED,  $\lambda_{\text{obs}}=371$  nm.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.67917 \pm 0.0014$
A1	$-0.3116 \pm 0.00377$
$\tau$	$106052.0137 \pm 2607.87334$
R-Square(COD)	0.99637
Adj. R-Square	0.99613

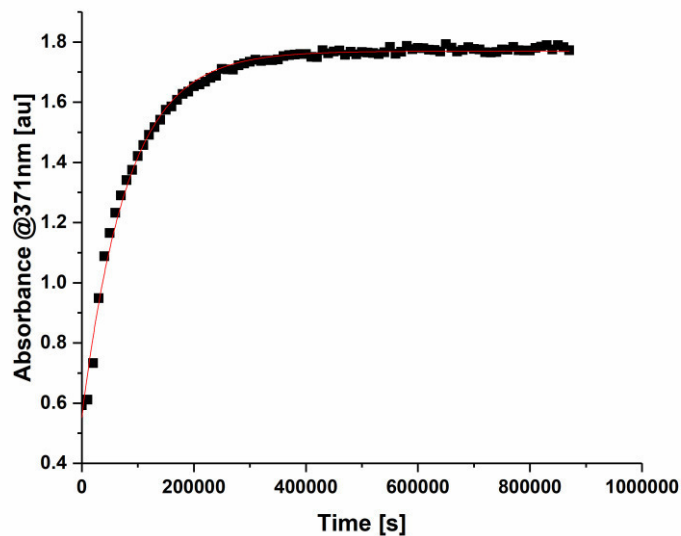
**Table A118** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A255.



**Figure A256:** PSS-to-*E* kinetic of **3c** in MeCN (130  $\mu$ M), irradiation with 400 nm LED,  $\lambda^{\text{obs}}$ =371 nm.

Equation	$y = A1*\exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$1.08494 \pm 5.42677\text{E-}4$
A1	$-0.69046 \pm 0.00259$
$\tau$	$96251.17347 \pm 607.56613$
R-Square(COD)	0.99888
Adj. R-Square	0.99886

**Table A119** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A256.



**Figure A257:** PSS-to-*E* kinetic of **3c** in MeCN (80  $\mu$ M), irradiation with 400 nm LED,  $\lambda^{\text{obs}}$ =371 nm.

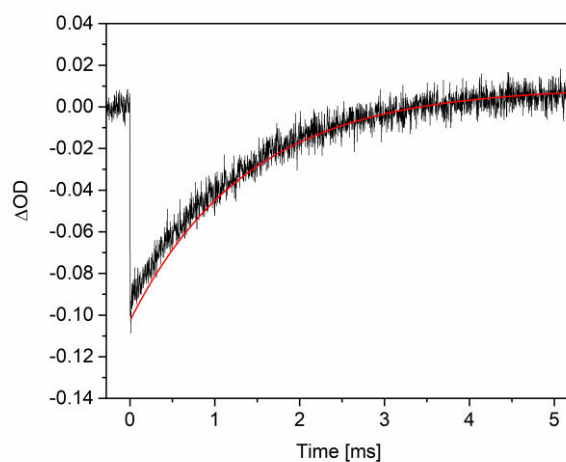
Equation	$y = A1*\exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$1.76956 \pm 0.0027$
A1	$-1.21734 \pm 0.01259$
$\tau$	$80712.91789 \pm 1422.88285$
R-Square(COD)	0.9938
Adj. R-Square	0.99365

**Table A120** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A257.



### 6.2.2 3b

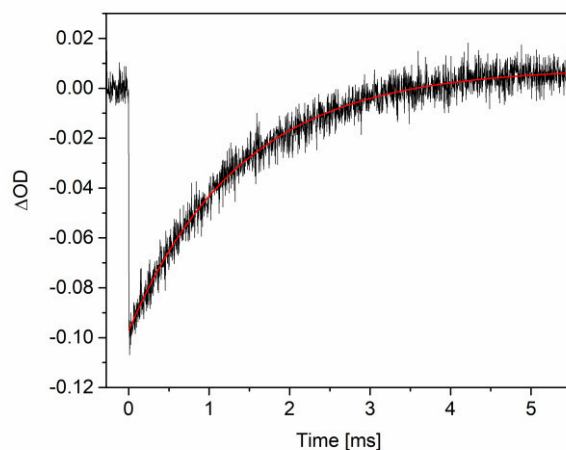
#### Dry DMSO



**Figure A258:** Transient signal detected at 381 nm for **3b** (6  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in dry DMSO.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.0095 \pm 3.09994\text{E-}4$
A1	$-0.11218 \pm 4.77653\text{E-}4$
$\tau$	$1.38691 \pm 0.01538$
R-Square(COD)	0.96866
Adj. R-Square	0.96863

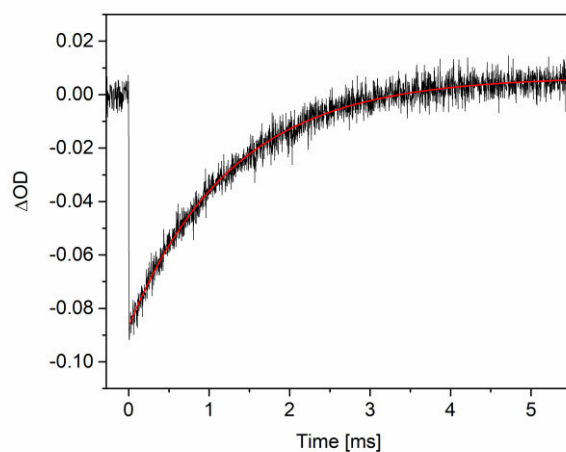
**Table A121** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A258.



**Figure A259:** Transient signal detected at 381 nm for **3b** (30  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in dry DMSO.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00816 \pm 2.61882\text{E-}4$
A1	$-0.1053 \pm 4.26703\text{E-}4$
$\tau$	$1.39491 \pm 0.01431$
R-Square(COD)	0.97181
Adj. R-Square	0.97178

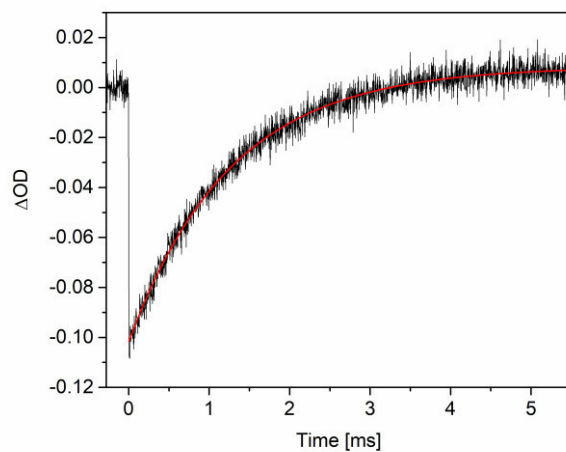
**Table A122** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A259.



**Figure A260:** Transient signal detected at 381 nm for **3b** (50  $\mu$ M) in dry DMSO.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00677 \pm 1.86797E-4$
A1	$-0.09334 \pm 3.56708E-4$
$\tau$	$1.28398 \pm 0.01151$
R-Square(COD)	0.97646
Adj. R-Square	0.97644

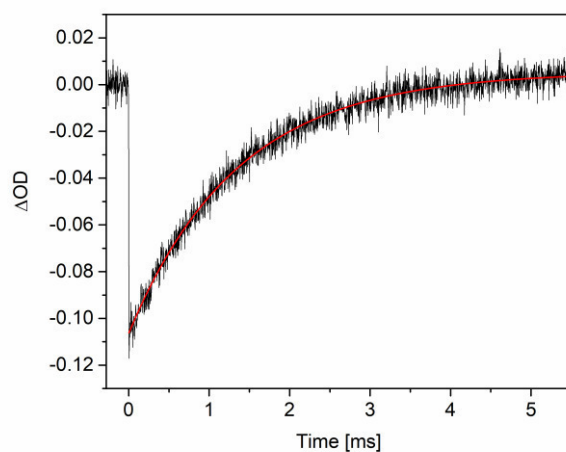
**Table A123** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A260.



**Figure A261:** Transient signal detected at 381 nm for **3b** (70  $\mu$ M) in dry DMSO.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00841 \pm 1.77403E-4$
A1	$-0.11027 \pm 3.73462E-4$
$\tau$	$1.263 \pm 0.00958$
R-Square(COD)	0.98189
Adj. R-Square	0.98187

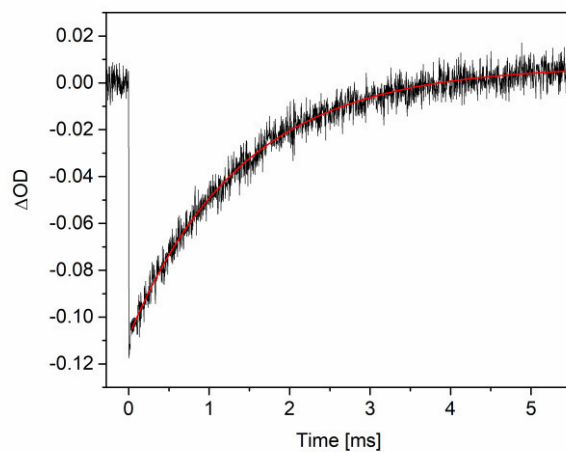
**Table A124** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A261.



**Figure A262:** Transient signal detected at 381 nm for **3b** (100  $\mu$ M) in dry DMSO.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00542 \pm 2.26047E-4$
A1	$-0.11182 \pm 4.00456E-4$
$\tau$	$1.35098 \pm 0.01176$
R-Square(COD)	0.9803
Adj. R-Square	0.98027

**Table A125** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A262.

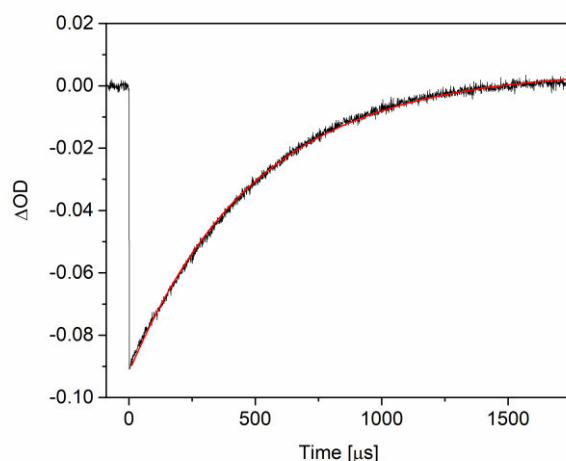


**Figure A263:** Transient signal detected at 381 nm for **3b** (130  $\mu$ M) in dry DMSO.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.0074 \pm 2.32971E-4$
A1	$-0.11547 \pm 4.33389E-4$
$\tau$	$1.40598 \pm 0.01255$
R-Square(COD)	0.97747
Adj. R-Square	0.97744

**Table A126** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A263.

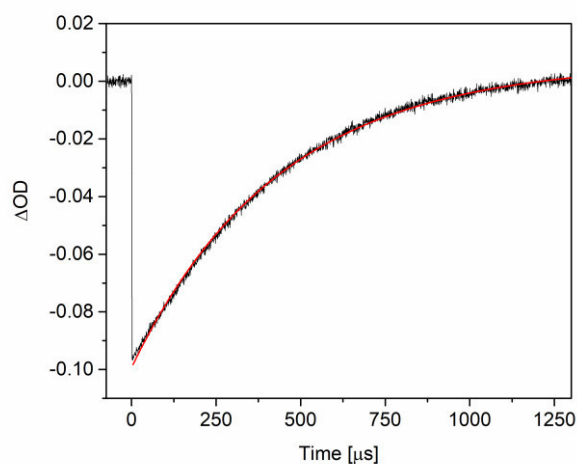
# DMSO (water 1.67% v/v)



**Figure A264:** Transient signal detected at 381 nm for **3b** (6  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in DMSO with fixed water content (1.67% v/v).

Equation	$y = A1*\exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00515 \pm 7.32628\text{E-}5$
A1	$-0.09702 \pm 9.97736\text{E-}5$
$\tau$	$501.17785 \pm 1.42994$
R-Square(COD)	0.99807
Adj. R-Square	0.99807

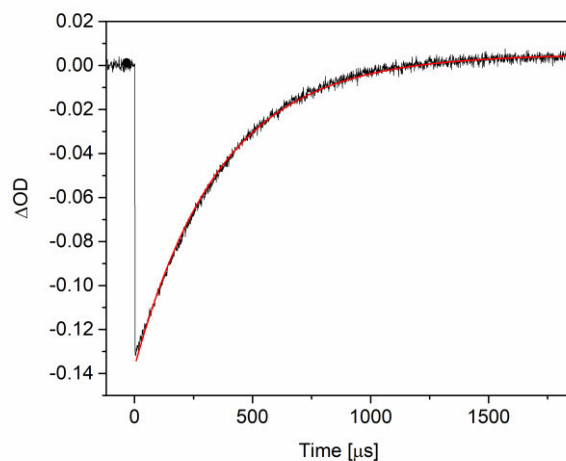
**Table A127** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A264.



**Figure A265:** Transient signal detected at 381 nm for **3b** (12  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in DMSO with fixed water content (1.67% v/v).

Equation	$y = A1*\exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00654 \pm 9.57518\text{E-}5$
A1	$-0.10585 \pm 1.041\text{E-}4$
$\tau$	$435.19562 \pm 1.31042$
R-Square(COD)	0.99818
Adj. R-Square	0.99818

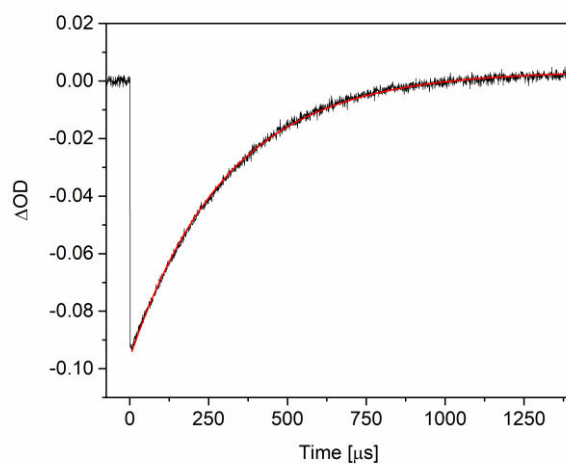
**Table A128** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A265.



**Figure A266:** Transient signal detected at 381 nm for **3b** (18  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in DMSO with fixed water content (1.67% v/v).

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00513 \pm 6.09471\text{E-}5$
A1	$-0.14211 \pm 1.93941\text{E-}4$
$\tau$	$361.03527 \pm 0.91983$
R-Square(COD)	0.99751
Adj. R-Square	0.99751

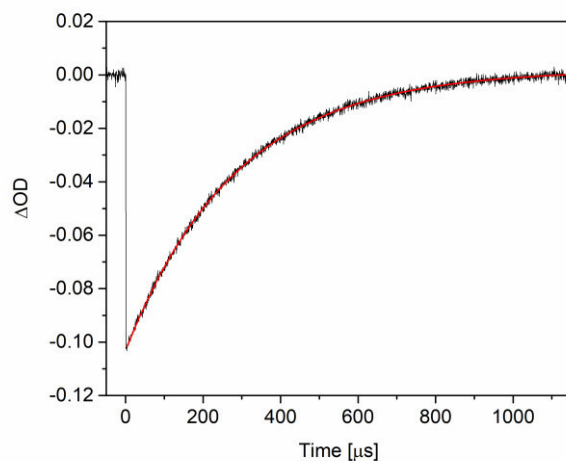
**Table A129** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A266.



**Figure A267:** Transient signal detected at 381 nm for **3b** (24  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in DMSO with fixed water content (1.67% v/v).

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00355 \pm 5.25016\text{E-}5$
A1	$-0.09971 \pm 1.08831\text{E-}4$
$\tau$	$306.56132 \pm 0.75496$
R-Square(COD)	0.99812
Adj. R-Square	0.99812

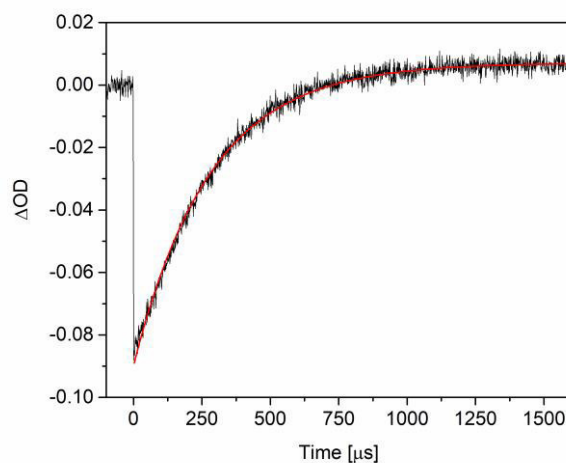
**Table A130** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A267.



**Figure A268:** Transient signal detected at 381 nm for **3b** (30  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in DMSO with fixed water content (1.67% v/v).

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00197 \pm 5.79784\text{E-}5$
A1	$-0.10518 \pm 1.03369\text{E-}4$
$\tau$	$283.1641 \pm 0.67535$
R-Square(COD)	0.99837
Adj. R-Square	0.99837

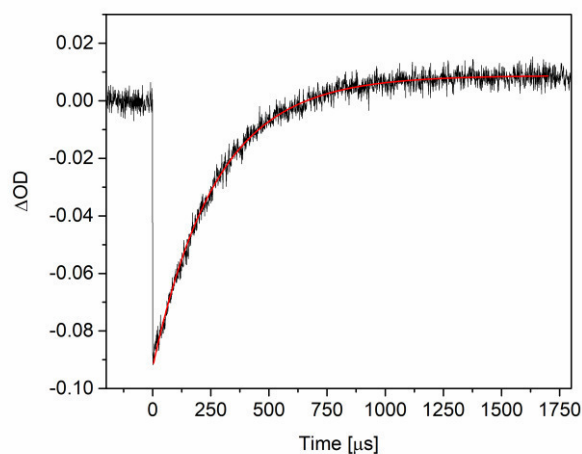
**Table A131** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A268.



**Figure A269:** Transient signal detected at 381 nm for **3b** (36  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in DMSO with fixed water content (1.67% v/v).

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00712 \pm 6.72961\text{E-}5$
A1	$-0.09698 \pm 2.59501\text{E-}4$
$\tau$	$278.35376 \pm 1.30019$
R-Square(COD)	0.99146
Adj. R-Square	0.99145

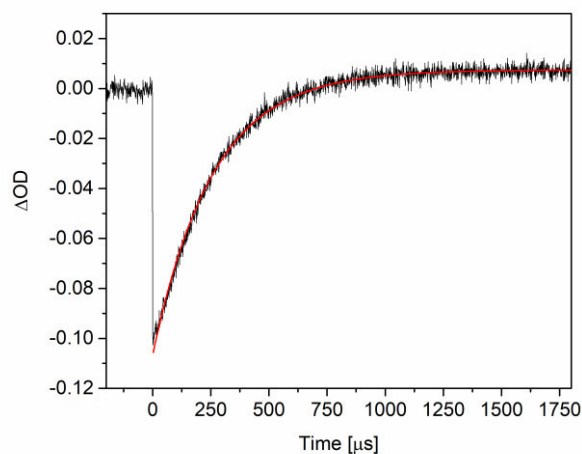
**Table A132** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A269.



**Figure A270:** Transient signal detected at 381 nm for **3b** (42  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in DMSO with fixed water content (1.67% v/v).

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00879 \pm 1.03844\text{E-}4$
A1	$-0.10134 \pm 3.27684\text{E-}4$
$\tau$	$270.45961 \pm 1.64064$
R-Square(COD)	0.98915
Adj. R-Square	0.98913

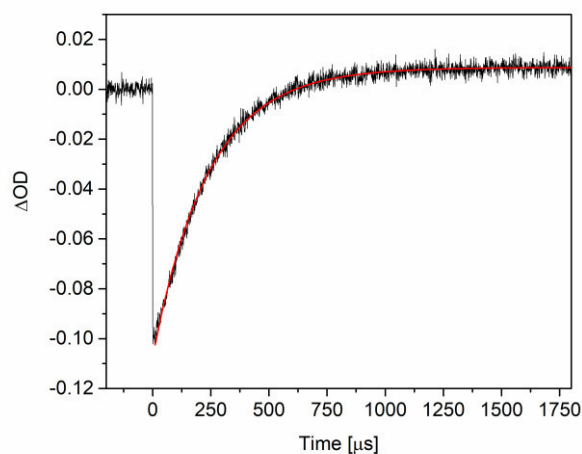
**Table A133** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A270.



**Figure A271:** Transient signal detected at 381 nm for **3b** (46.8  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in DMSO with fixed water content (1.67% v/v).

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00749 \pm 7.47382\text{E-}5$
A1	$-0.11408 \pm 2.9895\text{E-}4$
$\tau$	$257.30597 \pm 1.16286$
R-Square(COD)	0.99191
Adj. R-Square	0.9919

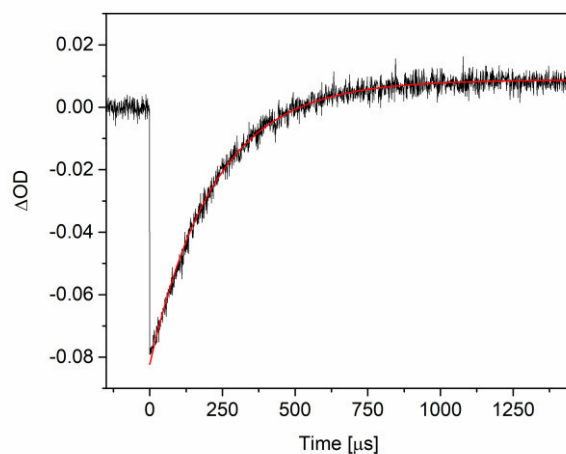
**Table A134** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A271.



**Figure A272:** Transient signal detected at 381 nm for **3b** (54  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in DMSO with fixed water content (1.67% v/v).

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00874 \pm 7.46523\text{E-}5$
A1	$-0.11624 \pm 3.20942\text{E-}4$
$\tau$	$236.96419 \pm 1.08825$
R-Square(COD)	0.99169
Adj. R-Square	0.99168

**Table A135** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A272.

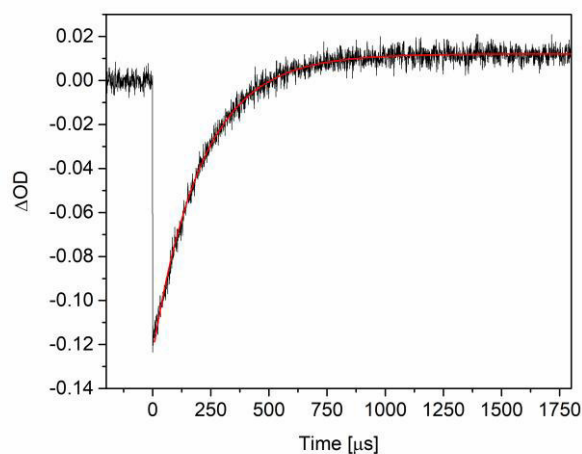


**Figure A273:** Transient signal detected at 381 nm for **3b** (66  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in DMSO with fixed water content (1.67% v/v).

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00877 \pm 7.61047\text{E-}5$
A1	$-0.09107 \pm 3.00779\text{E-}4$
$\tau$	$221.07004 \pm 1.26804$
R-Square(COD)	0.987
Adj. R-Square	0.98699

**Table A136** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A273.

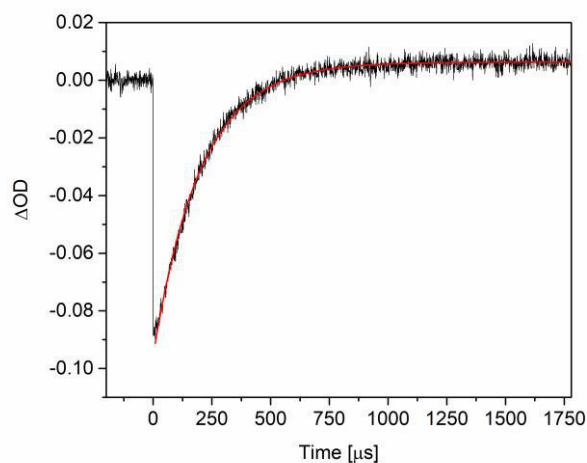




**Figure A274:** Transient signal detected at 381 nm for **3b** (81  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in DMSO with fixed water content (1.67% v/v).

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.01209 \pm 1.01579\text{E-}4$
A1	$-0.13612 \pm 4.76026\text{E-}4$
$\tau$	$209.94236 \pm 1.19216$
R-Square(COD)	0.98699
Adj. R-Square	0.98698

**Table A137** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A274.

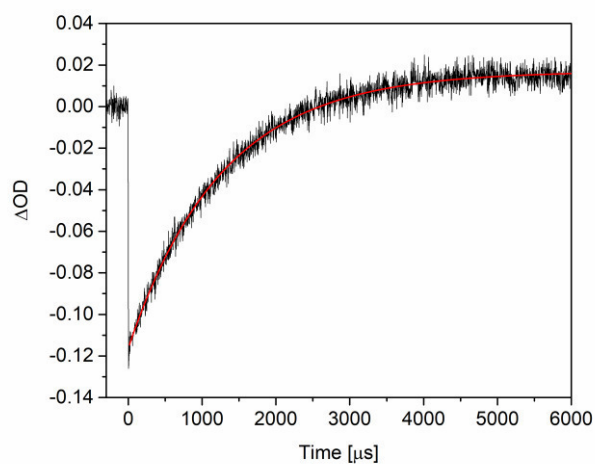


**Figure A275:** Transient signal detected at 381 nm for **3b** (90  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in DMSO with fixed water content (1.67% v/v).

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00629 \pm 6.14478\text{E-}5$
A1	$-0.10184 \pm 3.12334\text{E-}4$
$\tau$	$200.61959 \pm 0.97556$
R-Square(COD)	0.99026
Adj. R-Square	0.99025

**Table A138** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A275.

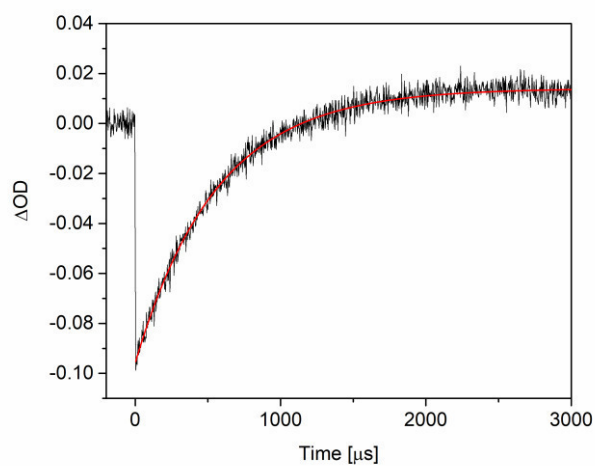
## DMSO (3b 50 $\mu$ M)



**Figure A276:** Transient signal detected at 381 nm for **3b** (50  $\mu$ M) in DMSO with 0.185 M of water.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.01704 \pm 1.78623E-4$
A1	$-0.13318 \pm 4.17074E-4$
$\tau$	$1260.6513 \pm 8.42795$
R-Square(COD)	0.98523
Adj. R-Square	0.98522

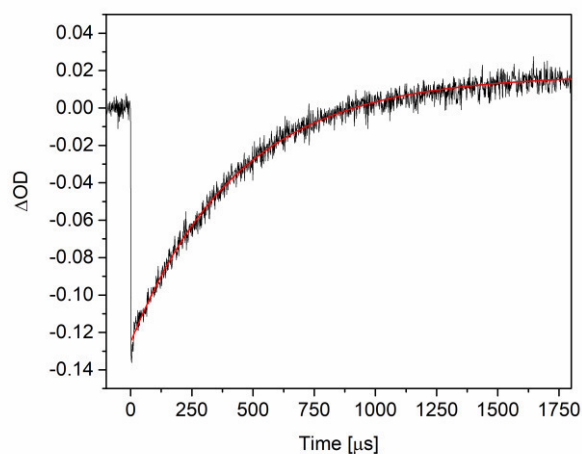
**Table A139** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A276.



**Figure A277:** Transient signal detected at 381 nm for **3b** (50  $\mu$ M) in DMSO with 0.37 M of water.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.01407 \pm 9.80025E-5$
A1	$-0.10985 \pm 4.29241E-4$
$\tau$	$556.49034 \pm 3.65395$
R-Square(COD)	0.98166
Adj. R-Square	0.98164

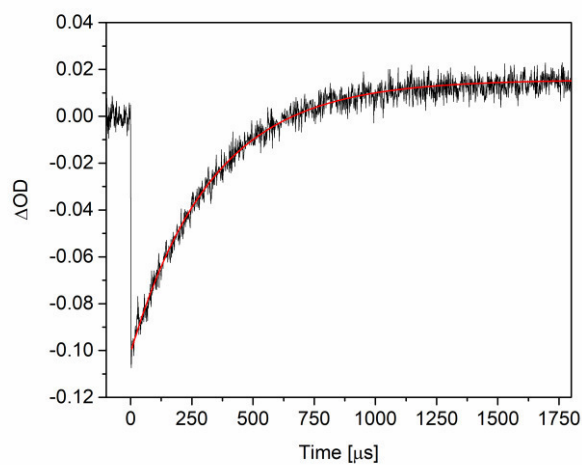
**Table A140** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A277.



**Figure A278:** Transient signal detected at 381 nm for **3b** (50  $\mu$ M) in DMSO with 0.555 M of water.

Equation	$y = A1*\exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.01776 \pm 1.5511E-4$
A1	$-0.14308 \pm 4.71074E-4$
$\tau$	$436.62033 \pm 2.73973$
R-Square(COD)	0.98524
Adj. R-Square	0.98522

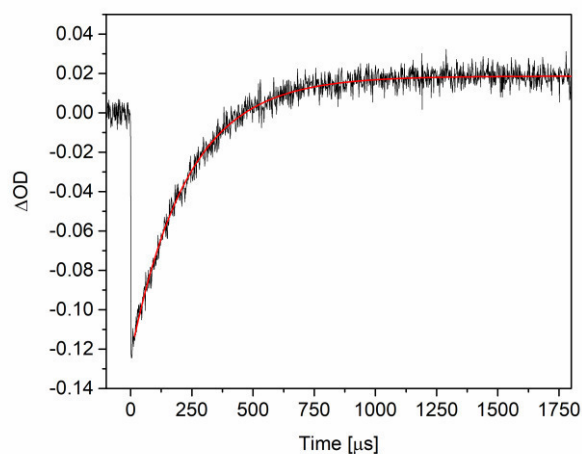
**Table A141** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A278.



**Figure A279:** Transient signal detected at 381 nm for **3b** (50  $\mu$ M) in DMSO with 0.74 M of water.

Equation	$y = A1*\exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.01563 \pm 1.18815E-4$
A1	$-0.11644 \pm 4.91234E-4$
$\tau$	$392.15937 \pm 2.37344$
R-Square(COD)	0.97854
Adj. R-Square	0.97852

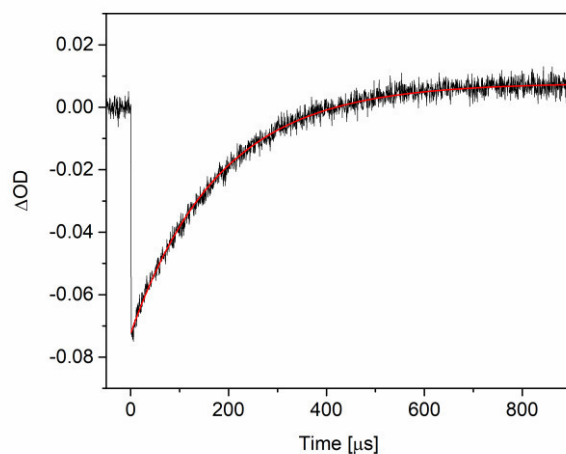
**Table A142** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A279.



**Figure A280:** Transient signal detected at 381 nm for **3b** (50  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in DMSO with 0.925 M of water.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.01868 \pm 1.1935\text{E-}4$
A1	$-0.14183 \pm 8.31063\text{E-}4$
$\tau$	$230.11471 \pm 1.96561$
R-Square(COD)	0.96774
Adj. R-Square	0.9677

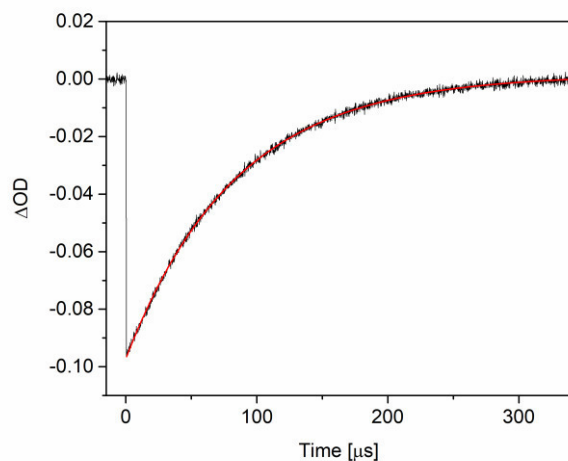
**Table A143** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A280.



**Figure A281:** Transient signal detected at 381 nm for **3b** (50  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in DMSO with 1.85 M of water.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.0078 \pm 8.34638\text{E-}5$
A1	$-0.08026 \pm 2.28657\text{E-}4$
$\tau$	$179.78271 \pm 1.01932$
R-Square(COD)	0.98841
Adj. R-Square	0.9884

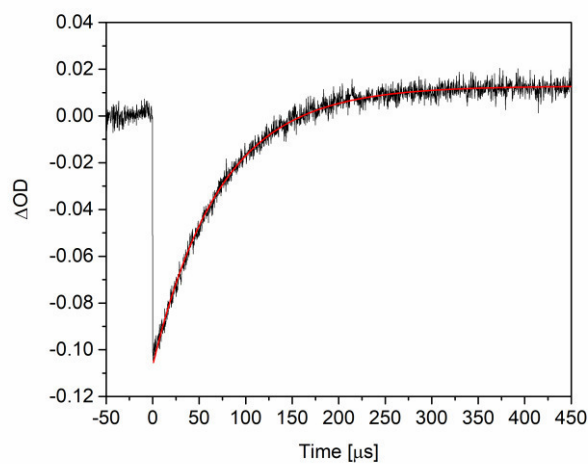
**Table A144** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A281.



**Figure A282:** Transient signal detected at 381 nm for **3b** (50  $\mu$ M) in DMSO with 3.7 M of water.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00155 \pm 5.15272E-5$
A1	$-0.09874 \pm 8.71626E-5$
$\tau$	$83.39322 \pm 0.18312$
R-Square(COD)	0.99865
Adj. R-Square	0.99865

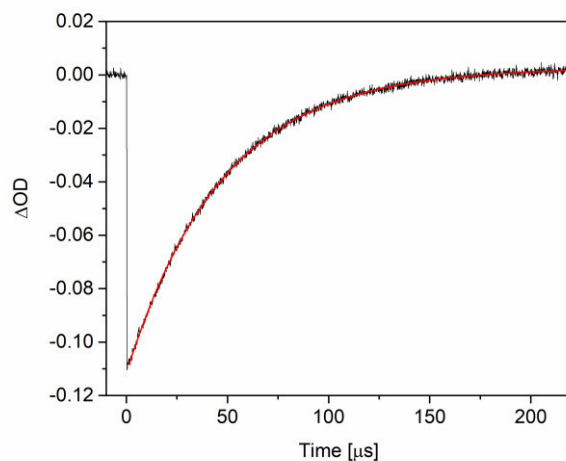
**Table A145** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A282.



**Figure A283:** Transient signal detected at 381 nm for **3b** (50  $\mu$ M) in DMSO with 5.55 M of water.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.0128 \pm 9.91698E-5$
A1	$-0.11961 \pm 3.64231E-4$
$\tau$	$71.97025 \pm 0.38853$
R-Square(COD)	0.98884
Adj. R-Square	0.98883

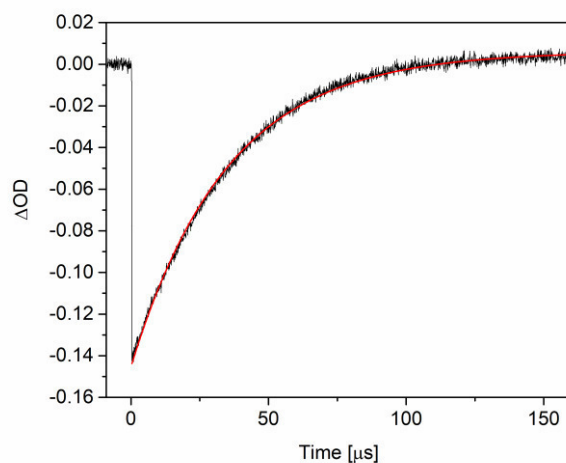
**Table A146** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A283.



**Figure A284:** Transient signal detected at 381 nm for **3b** (50  $\mu$ M) in DMSO with 9.25 M of water.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00274 \pm 4.43618E-5$
A1	$-0.11435 \pm 1.12607E-4$
$\tau$	$47.00296 \pm 0.09499$
R-Square(COD)	0.99861
Adj. R-Square	0.9986

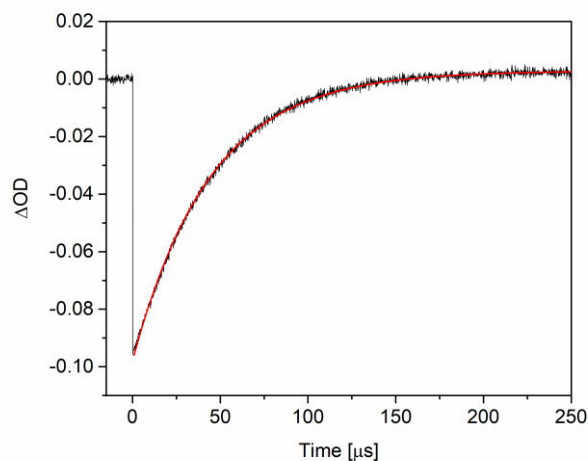
**Table A147** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in **Figure A284**.



**Figure A285:** Transient signal detected at 381 nm for **3b** (50  $\mu$ M) in DMSO with 11.1 M of water.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00619 \pm 8.66845E-5$
A1	$-0.15156 \pm 1.94971E-4$
$\tau$	$34.94613 \pm 0.09763$
R-Square(COD)	0.99744
Adj. R-Square	0.99744

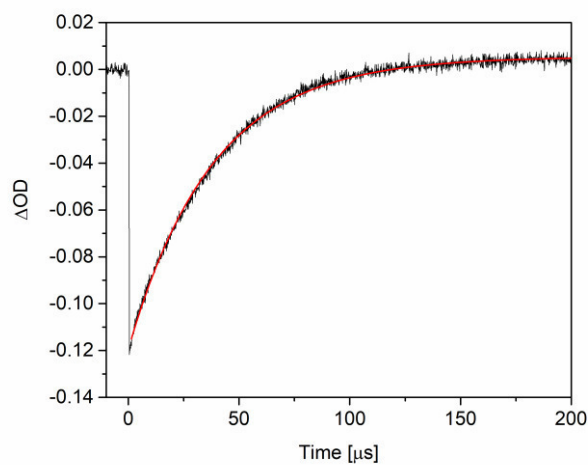
**Table A148** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in **Figure A285**.



**Figure A286:** Transient signal detected at 381 nm for **3b** (50 μM) in DMSO with 12.95 M of water.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00284 \pm 3.56626E-5$
A1	$-0.10089 \pm 1.18635E-4$
$\tau$	$44.01684 \pm 0.09495$
R-Square(COD)	0.99818
Adj. R-Square	0.99818

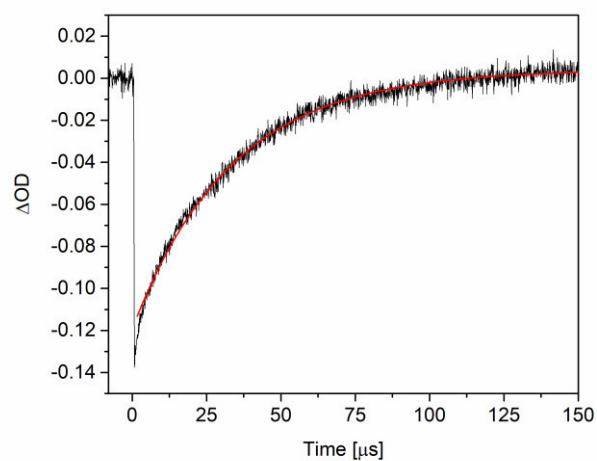
**Table A149** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A286.



**Figure A287:** Transient signal detected at 381 nm for **3b** (50 μM) in DMSO with 16.65 M of water.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00544 \pm 6.19276E-5$
A1	$-0.12491 \pm 2.02492E-4$
$\tau$	$37.97394 \pm 0.11328$
R-Square(COD)	0.99661
Adj. R-Square	0.99661

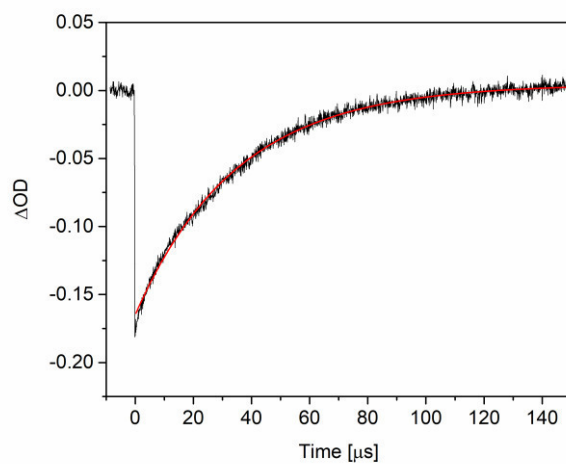
**Table A150** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A287.



**Figure A288:** Transient signal detected at 381 nm for **3b** (50  $\mu$ M) in DMSO with 18.5 M of water.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00418 \pm 1.39142E-4$
A1	$-0.12342 \pm 3.43782E-4$
$\tau$	$33.37975 \pm 0.19285$
R-Square(COD)	0.98914
Adj. R-Square	0.98913

**Table A151** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A288.



**Figure A289:** Transient signal detected at 381 nm for **3b** (50  $\mu$ M) in DMSO with 22.2 M of water.

Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/\tau) + y0$
y0	$0.00467 \pm 1.77817E-4$
A1	$-0.1696 \pm 3.25069E-4$
$\tau$	$34.73048 \pm 0.15947$
R-Square(COD)	0.99387
Adj. R-Square	0.99387

**Table A152** Fitting of the growth of the signal shown in Figure A289.

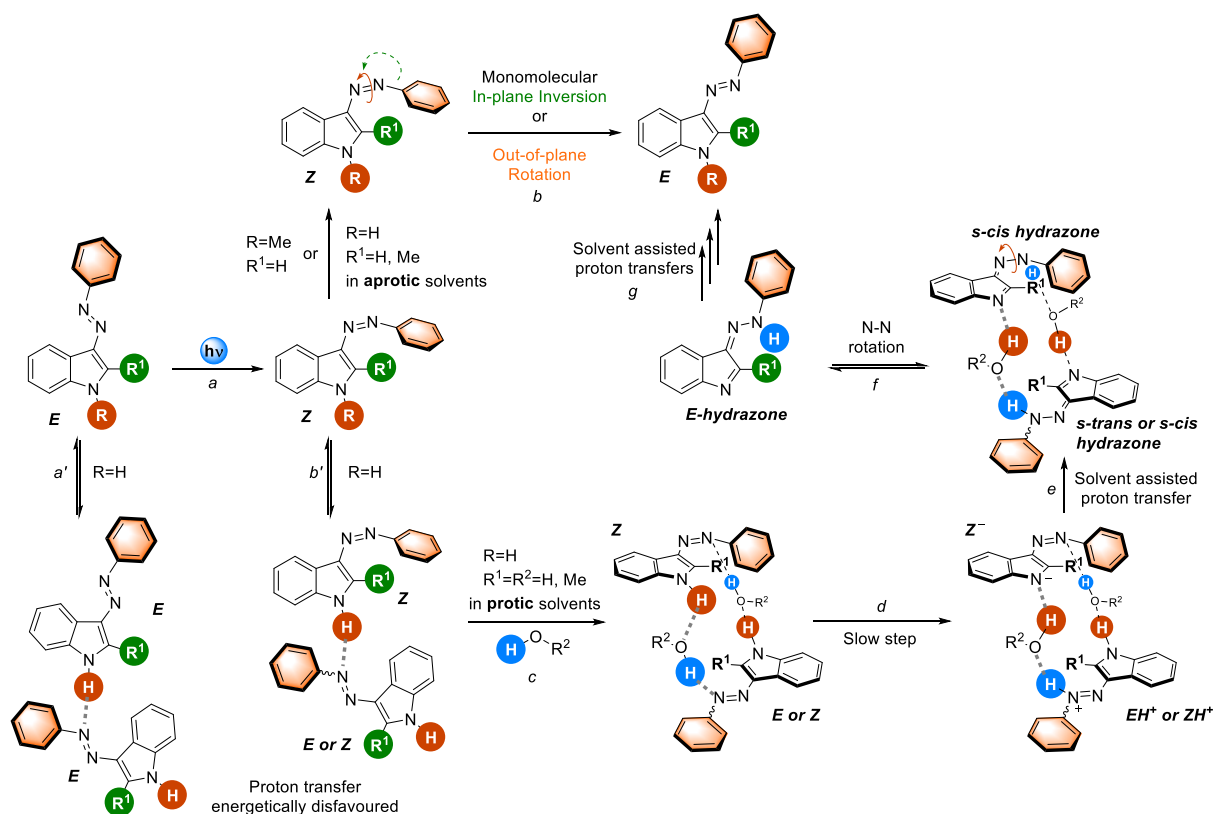


## 7 Mechanistic proposal

The findings reported in Section 6 suggest that the *Z*- form of **3** is converted into the more stable *E*- isomer via a monomolecular mechanism both when the indolic nitrogen is not present and, if present, when the solvent is aprotic. With N-H substituted molecules, in the presence of protic solvents (also as additives) the mechanism changes. In the latter case the rate depends both on the concentration of the starting material, as previously found by Otsuki *et al.*<sup>26</sup> and on the concentration of protic medium. This strongly supports the contribution of a protic-solvent-mediated proton transfer between the *Z*-isomer of an N-H indole photoswitch and another molecule of the azo compound (it is irrelevant for the reaction mechanism if in its *Z*- or *E*- form). Moreover, the kinetic data are in accordance with the following mechanistic evidences:

- A proton transfer mediated by protic solvent is involved in the rate determining step of the reaction, as found with the relevant Kinetic Isotope Effect in MeOD (Entry 3, Table A2).
- At high concentration it is possible to have an intermolecular interaction between different molecules of the N-H containing photoswitch, as reported in Section 3.3.<sup>S25</sup>
- The calculated barriers of proton transfer between two molecules of **3a** in the absence of a protic molecule bridging them are too high ( $>30$  kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> see Section 4.4).
- Quantum chemistry confirms that water bridging two **3a** molecules lowers the proton transfer energetic barrier, acting as a proton carrier (see Section 4.4).
- The intermediate of the *E*-to-*Z* isomerization appears only in the presence of protic solvents (see Section 2).
- The UV spectrum of the intermediate seen in the presence of protic medium matches the computed one for the hydrazone tautomer of the starting material (see Section 4.3).
- Both acidic (with acid buffer) and basic (with DBU) conditions greatly enhance the rate of the reaction (see Section 4.3), probing a proton transfer is present in the rate determining step of the reaction.

In view of the above, the following scheme, representing the proposed mechanism, can be drawn.



Scheme A3

The azoindole photoswitch is isolated as its *E*-isomer. In solution the switches possessing an N-H indolic moiety are characterized by intermolecular interactions involving the aforementioned proton (path *a'*). After irradiation (path *a*), the *E*-to-*Z* isomerization of the N=N bond occurs, affording the *Z*-isomer. If the indolic nitrogen is substituted with a methyl as in **3c**, the *Z*-form will interconvert *via* an in-plane inversion of the azo group, or *via* an out-of-plane rotation (path *b*). This pathway is monomolecular and it is typical of the reactivity of the metastable *Z*-configuration of the azo-switches. A similar reactivity is described for **3a** and **3b** when dissolved in aprotic solvent. In this case, however, we cannot rule out the possibility of an intermolecular interaction between the *Z*-form and another switch (either *Z*- or *E*-). This pathway (path *b'*), if present, can be assigned to a parasitic equilibrium, ultimately leading to path *b*, because of the high proton transfer energy (between the proton and the nitrogen marked with a dashed bond). On the other hand, in protic solvents this interaction can be helped by bridging solvent molecules, forming a short-range solvation shell<sup>[S24]</sup> (path *c*). This system was computationally represented in its simpler case, where two water molecules are bridging two *Z*-phenylazoindoles. Increased concentrations of starting material make the formation of these clusters more probable. Moreover, the amount of protic solvent present will influence the formation of a more complex short-range solvation shell, eventually giving rise to a saturation of the speed that can be reached by the ensuing proton transfer step (path *d*). The formation of an ionic couple (*Z*<sup>-</sup> and *EH*<sup>+</sup> or *ZH*<sup>+</sup>) is predicted to occur by quantum chemical calculations and to be the slow step of the reaction. A second, faster, solvent assisted proton transfer (path *e*) will form the *s*-cis hydrazone of the first switch (and either the *s*-cis or *s*-trans hydrazone of the second azo, depending on the nature of the reagent, if starting as *Z*- or *E*-). The hydrazone tautomer of the azo compound is able to rotate freely around the N-N single bond, generating the more stable *s*-trans conformer (path *f*). The hydrazone lies in a well of the potential energy curve connecting reagents and products, thus it lives long enough to be spotted at the laser flash photolysis. A series of solvent assisted proton transfers similar to the ones reported in path *d* and *e* leads ultimately to the restoration of the *E*-phenylazoindole (path *g*).

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## 1. Synthesis

### *General procedure I for diazonium salt formation*

Aniline (3000 mg, 23.22 mmol) was dissolved in HBF<sub>4</sub> (15 mL, 32% aq) and cooled to -15 °C (NaCl/crushed ice). Then, NaNO<sub>2</sub> (2222 mg, 23.22 mmol) in water (3 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 minutes, then the white precipitate was sucked off and washed with ice-cold Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) and Et<sub>2</sub>O/MeOH (1:1, 5 mL). After washing, vacuum was applied for 15 more minutes, in order to dry the diazonium salt (**2**) crystalline powder, before it was employed directly in the azo-coupling or stored in the freezer (-18 °C, up to 10 days).

### *General procedure II for diazonium salt formation*

The appropriate aniline (2 mmol) was dissolved in HBF<sub>4</sub> (4 mL, aq, 32%) and cooled to -15 °C using a bath of NaCl/crushed ice. Then, NaNO<sub>2</sub> (1 eq) in water (1 mL) was added dropwise. The salt was filtered off (using pre-cold equipment as some of the salts turned out be extremely sensitive to temperature)

### *General procedure for azo-coupling*

The appropriate indole (1000 mg, 1 eq.) was dissolved in DMF (5 mL). Diazonium salt **2** (1 eq) was added in small portions. The color immediately changed to red. The reaction mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 16h and then poured into water (200 mL). The organic compounds usually formed red droplets which were collected through extraction of the aqueous solution with DCM (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic phase was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The crude material was purified through MPLC (Ethyl Acetate in Petrol Ether 35 → 100% for **2a**, **3a**, **4a**, **6a**; MeOH in DCM 0 → 20% for **7a**). For spectroscopic purity, the product was further purified in preparative HPLC (MeCN in H<sub>2</sub>O: 40 → 100%).

### *((E)-3-((2-Bromophenyl)diazenyl)-1H-indole) (2a)*

The compound was prepared following the *general procedure I* for the synthesis of diazonium salts (using 1000 mg of 2-bromo aniline) and the general procedure for azo-coupling.

The compound was obtained as brown solid (251 mg, 0.84 mmol, 42%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 11.28 (s, 1H), 8.85 – 8.71 (m, 1H), 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.82 (ddd, *J* = 9.0, 8.1, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.61 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.28 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 151.5 (s, q), 138.3 (s, q), 138.0 (s, q), 135.4 (s, +), 134.4 (s, +), 131.0 (s, +), 129.1 (s, +), 125.3 (s, +), 125.0 (s, q), 124.2 (s, +), 124.1 (s, +), 119.3 (s, q), 118.0 (s, +), 113.0 (s, +). IR [cm<sup>-1</sup>]  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3392 (m), 2922 (s), 2855 (s), 1513 (m), 1379 (m), 1200 (m), 1099 (m), 738 (s). ESI-MS: calculated: 300.0131 (MH<sup>+</sup>), found: 300.0 (MH<sup>+</sup>, <sup>79</sup>Br, 100%), 302.0 (MH<sup>+</sup>, <sup>81</sup>Br, 98%). HR-MS: found: 300.0132 (MH<sup>+</sup>, <sup>79</sup>Br, 100%), 301.0163 (MH<sup>+</sup>, <sup>79</sup>Br, 14%), 302.0114 (MH<sup>+</sup>, <sup>81</sup>Br, 97%), 302.0144 (MH<sup>+</sup>, <sup>81</sup>Br, 13%). Melting point: 187 °C. R<sub>f</sub>: 0.45 (DCM). The structure was confirmed through X-ray analysis. The compound was previously reported and characterized through elemental analysis.<sup>1</sup>

### *((E)-2-((1H-Indol-3-yl)diazenyl)phenol) (3a)*

The compound was prepared following the *general procedure II* for the synthesis of diazonium salts (using 1000 mg of 2-hydroxy aniline) and the general procedure for azo-coupling.

The compound was obtained as brown solid (43 mg, 0.18 mmol, 9%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 12.57 (s, 1H), 11.23 (bs, 1H), 8.70 – 8.47 (m, 1H), 8.33 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.69 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.06 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 153.2 (s, q), 138.8 (s, q), 138.1 (s, q), 134.6 (s, q), 132.2 (s, +), 131.5 (s, +), 131.4 (s, +), 125.2 (s, +), 123.6 (s, +), 123.5 (s, +), 120.5 (s, +), 119.7 (s, q), 118.6 (s, +), 113.1 (s, +). IR [cm<sup>-1</sup>]  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3064 (m), 2743 (m), 2106 (w), 1610 (m), 1539 (m), 1487 (m),

1051 (s), 973 (s), 749 (s), 678 (s). ESI-MS: calculated: 238.0975 (MH<sup>+</sup>), found: 238.1 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%). HR-MS: 238.0975 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 239.1008 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 15%). Melting point: decomposition >195 °C. R<sub>f</sub>: 0.40 (DCM). The structure was confirmed through X-ray analysis.

*((E)-3-((2-Fluorophenyl)diazenyl)-1H-indole) (4a)*

The compound was prepared following the *general procedure II* for the synthesis of diazonium salts (using 1000 mg of 2-fluoro aniline) and the general procedure for azo-coupling.

The compound was obtained as red-brown solid (796 mg, 3.34 mmol, 37%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 11.21 (bs, 1H), 8.79 – 8.53 (m, 1H), 8.31 (s, 1H), 7.82 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 159.2 (q, *d*, *J* = 252.9 Hz), 141.6 (q, *d*, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 137.2 (q), 136.9 (q), 133.5 (+), 130.2 (+, *d*, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 124.4 (+, *d*, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 124.2 (+), 122.8 (+, *d*, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 118.5 (q), 116.9 (+), 116.7 (+), 116.5 (+), 112.0 (+). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = -126.38 (ddd, *J* = 11.2, 7.8, 5.1 Hz). IR [cm<sup>-1</sup>]  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3381 (w), 3214 (w), 2963 (w), 2922 (w), 1521 (m), 1484 (m), 1387 (m), 1260 (w), 1092 (s), 1014 (s), 742 (s). ESI-MS: calculated: 239.0859 found: 240.1 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%). HR-MS: found: 240.0938 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%). R<sub>f</sub>: 0.7 (20% EA in petroleum ether). The structure was confirmed through X-ray analysis.

*(E)-4-(2-((1H-Indol-3-yl)diazenyl)phenyl)morpholine (5a)*

Compound **4a** (104 mg, 0.43 mmol) and morpholine (1515 mg, 1.5 mL, 17.40 mmol) were dissolved DMSO (3 mL). K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (60 mg, 0.43 mmol) was added. The suspension was stirred at ambient temperature for 72 h. The reaction process was followed by TLC and the reaction mixture was poured onto water (30 mL) after no further conversion was observed. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3x30 mL) and the combined organic phases were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The compound was directly purified *via* preparative HPLC.

The compound was obtained as yellow-brown viscous oil (112 mg, 0.37 mmol, 84%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 8.63 – 8.47 (m, 1H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 7.70 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (ddd, *J* = 8.6, 7.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (ddd, *J* = 6.9, 3.9, 2.3 Hz, 3H), 7.15 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 7.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.99 – 3.91 (m, 5H), 3.47 – 3.32 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 147.11 (q), 145.93 (q), 137.10 (q), 136.87 (q), 133.08 (+), 129.65 (+), 124.09 (+), 123.48 (+), 122.61 (+), 122.51 (+), 118.86 (+), 118.41 (q), 116.75 (+), 112.06 (+), 66.57 (-), 53.21 (-). IR [cm<sup>-1</sup>]  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3191 (w), 2960 (w), 2851 (w), 1730 (m), 1614 (m), 1461 (m), 1331 (w), 1200 (m), 1115 (s), 932 (m), 749 (s). ESI-MS: calculated: 306.1481 found: 307.2 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100). HR-MS: found: 307.1554 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100). R<sub>f</sub>: 0.1 (DCM).

*((E)-4-((1H-Indol-3-yl)diazenyl)phenol) (6a)*

The compound was prepared following the *general procedure II* for the synthesis of diazonium salts (using 1000 mg of 4-hydroxy aniline) and the general procedure for azo-coupling.

The compound was obtained as brown solid (4 mg, 0.017 mmol, 1%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 10.97 (bs, 1H), 8.54 – 8.43 (m, 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 6H), 7.49 (dt, *J* = 8.1, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 7.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 7.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.99 – 6.93 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (151 MHz, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 158.6 (s, q), 147.3 (s, q), 136.8 (s, +), 136.0 (s, +), 130.7 (2 Signals, s, +), 123.5 (s, +), 123.2 (s, +), 122.6 (s, +), 122.0 (s, +), 119.0 (s, q), 115.5 (s, q), 111.8 (2 Signals, s, +). ESI-MS: calculated: 238.238.09751 (MH<sup>+</sup>), found: 238.1 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%). HR-MS: 238.0977 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 239.1066 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 16%). R<sub>f</sub>: 0.50 (10% MeOH in DCM). Further analytical data could not be obtained due to limited material.

*(E)-3-((4-Nitrophenyl)diazenyl)-1H-indole (7a)*

The compound was prepared following the *general procedure II* for the synthesis of diazonium salts (using 1000 mg of 4-nitro aniline) and the general procedure for azo-coupling.

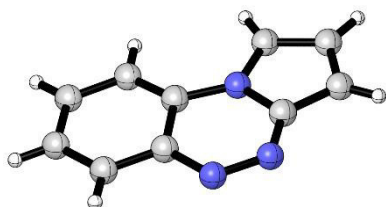
The compound was obtained as dark red highly viscous oil (327 mg, 1.23 mmol, 17%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 8.55 – 8.48 (m, 1H), 8.42 (s, 1H), 8.41 – 8.35 (m, 2H), 8.09 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.61 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.19 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ = 158.6 (q), 148.2 (+, only visible in HMBC), 138.1 (q), 138.0 (q), 136.6 (+), 125.6 (q), 125.4 (+), 124.2 (+), 123.7 (+), 122.9 (+), 119.2 (q), 113.1 (+). IR [cm<sup>-1</sup>]  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3690 (w), 2960 (m), 2922 (m), 2855 (m), 1446 (m), 1375 (m), 1092 (s), 1033 (s), 682 (s). ESI-MS: calculated: 266.0804 found: 267.1 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%). HR-MS: found: 267.0881 (MH<sup>+</sup>, 100%). R<sub>f</sub>: 0.3 (DCM).

*Side-products of the synthesis of 10a*

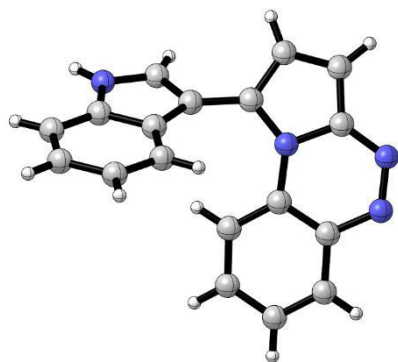
The compounds were prepared following the *general procedure II* for the synthesis of diazonium salts (using 300 mg of 2-pyrrolo aniline) and the general procedure for azo-coupling.

However, the desired compound, **10a**, was not observed analyzing the crude mixture. Instead, two other molecules could be isolation through HPLC.

**10a'** is the internal trapped product. The yellow product could be isolated as a yellow solid in 12% yield (38 mg, 0.23 mmol). The structure was confirmed through NMR and X-ray analysis. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ = 8.45 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (ddd, *J* = 5.8, 2.8, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 7.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 7.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ = 141.1 (q), 136.2 (q), 132.2 (+), 130.5 (+), 125.8 (+), 124.8 (q), 116.4 (+), 113.4 (+), 111.1 (+), 109.1 (+). ESI-MS: calculated: 169.0604 found: 170.1 (100%, MH<sup>+</sup>).



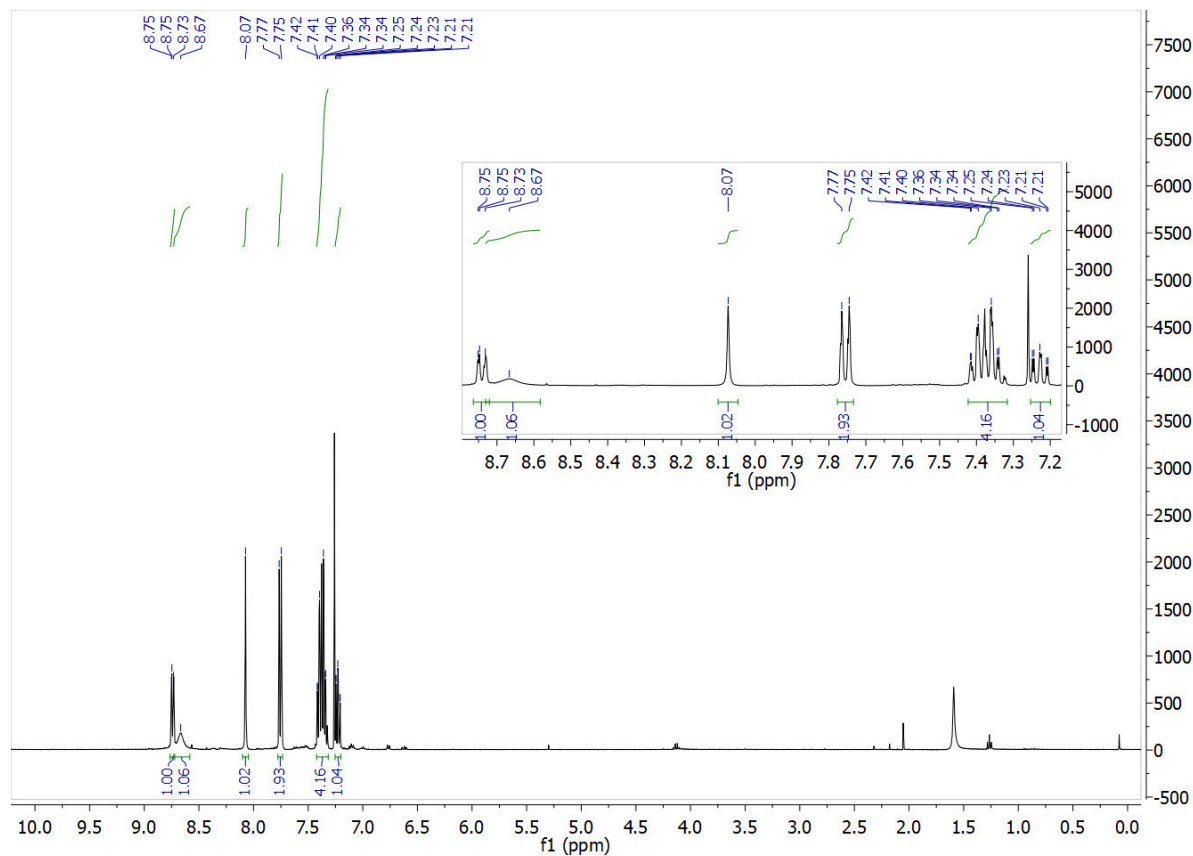
**10a''** is an adduct of 8a' and indole, probably through oxidative coupling. The compound was isolated as pink solid from preparative HPLC (38 mg, 0.13 mmol, 7% yield). The structure was confirmed through NMR and X-Ray analysis. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Methanol-*d*<sub>4</sub>) δ = 8.02 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.97 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 7.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dt, *J* = 8.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (ddd, *J* = 8.7, 7.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 7.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 7.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H). ESI-MS: calculated: 284.1064 found: 285.1 (100%, MH<sup>+</sup>).



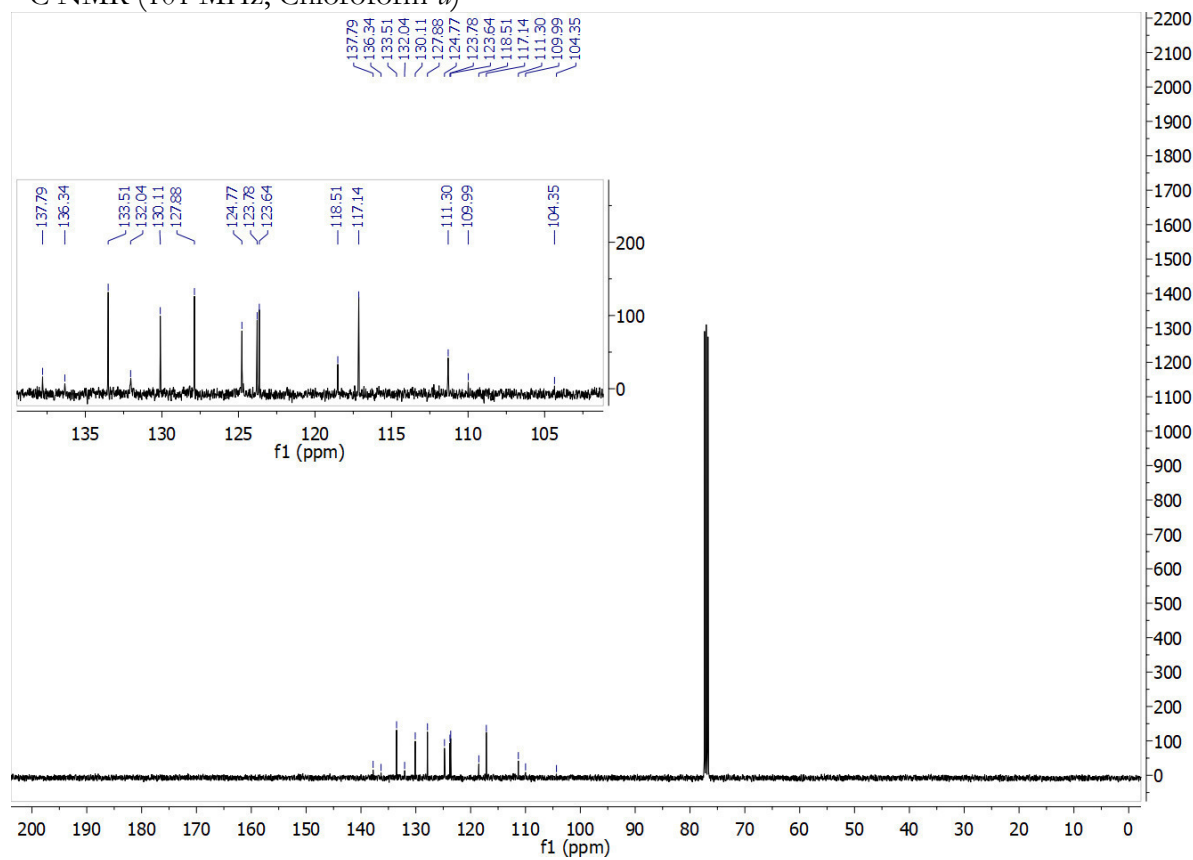


## 2. NMR Spectra

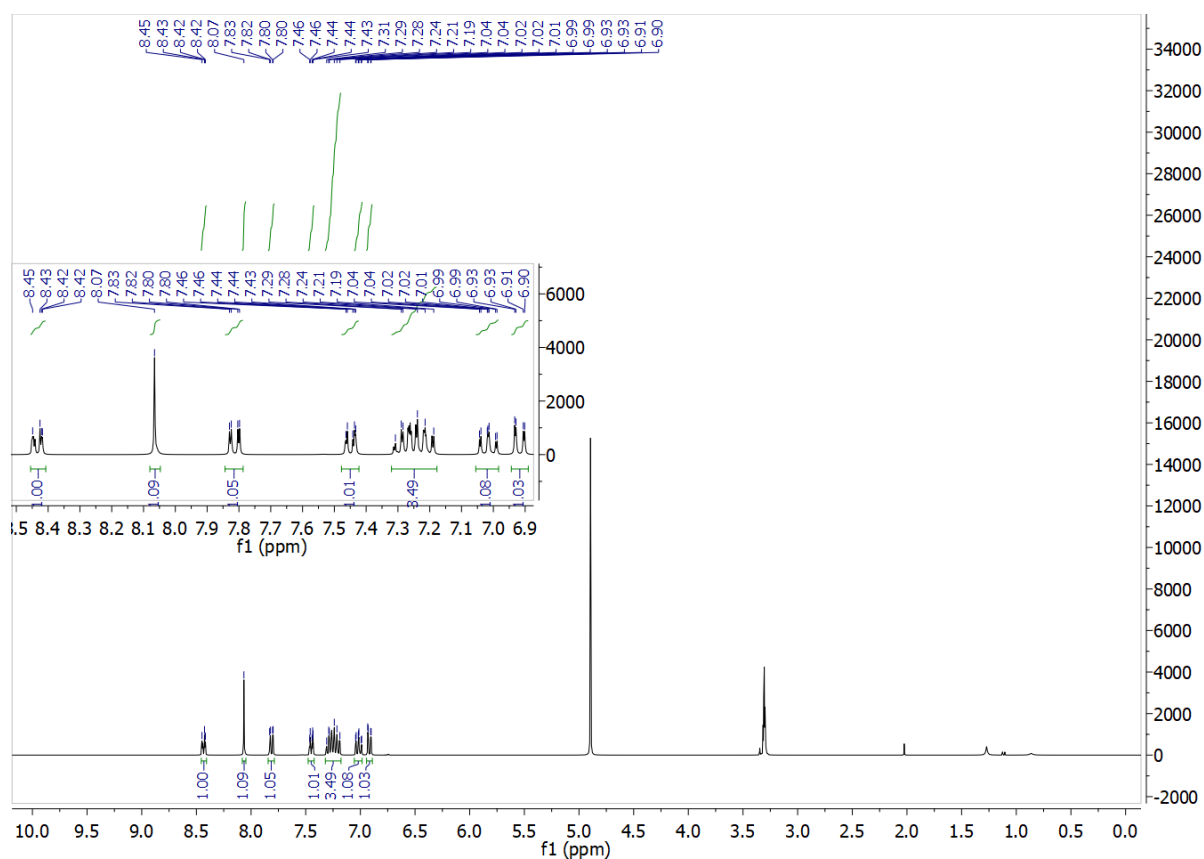
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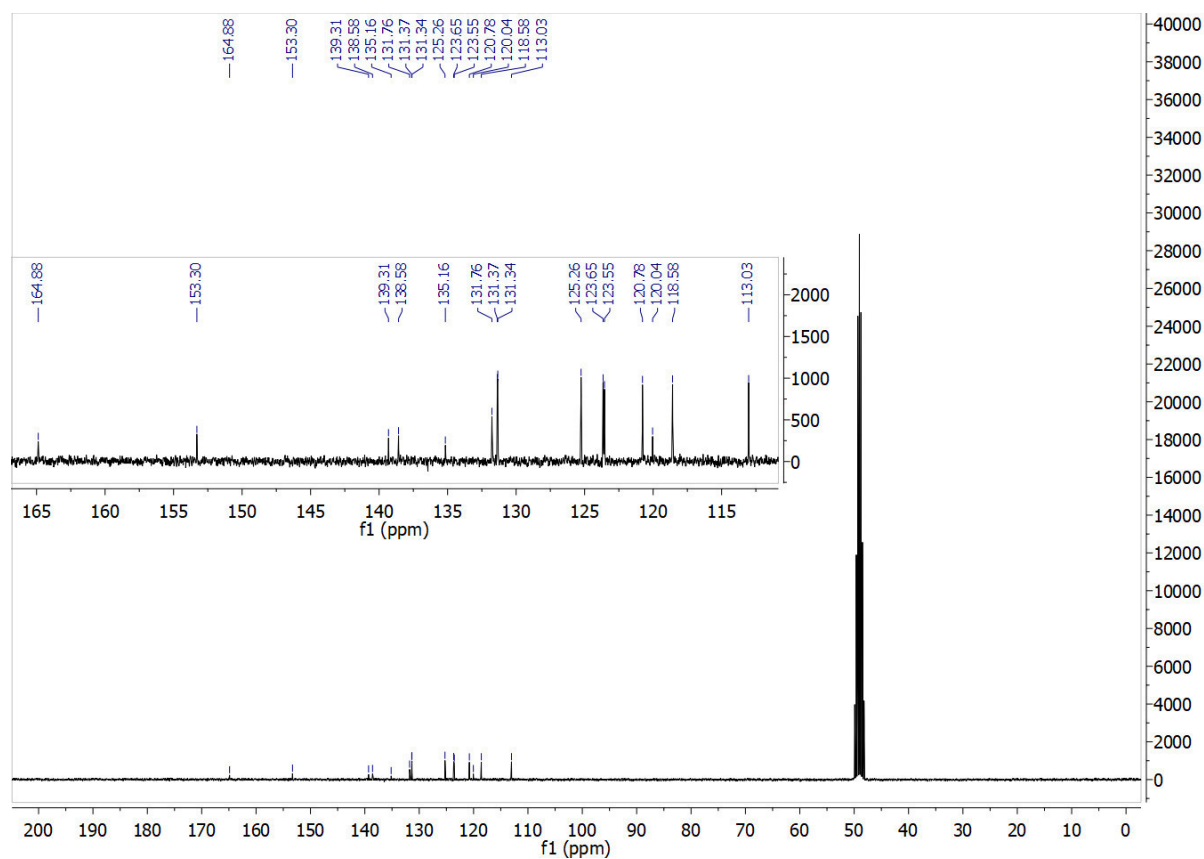
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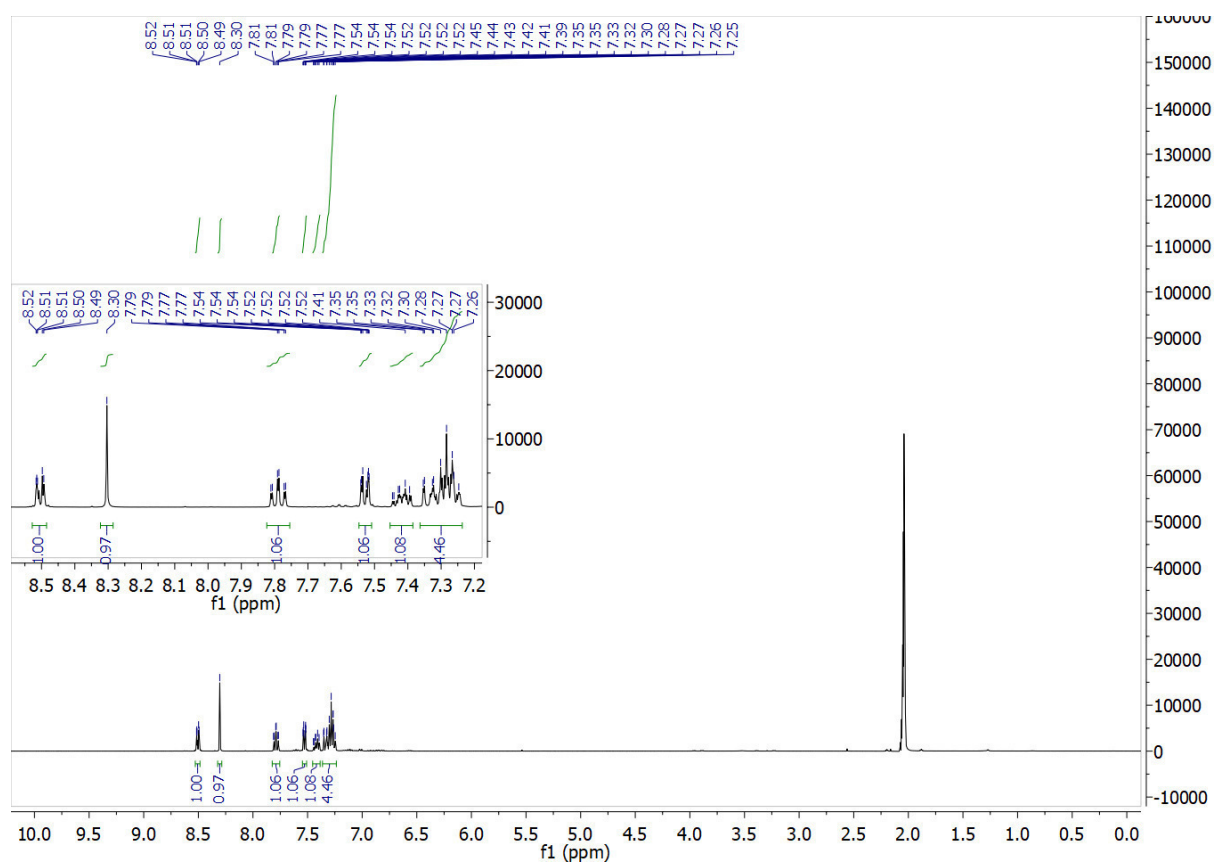
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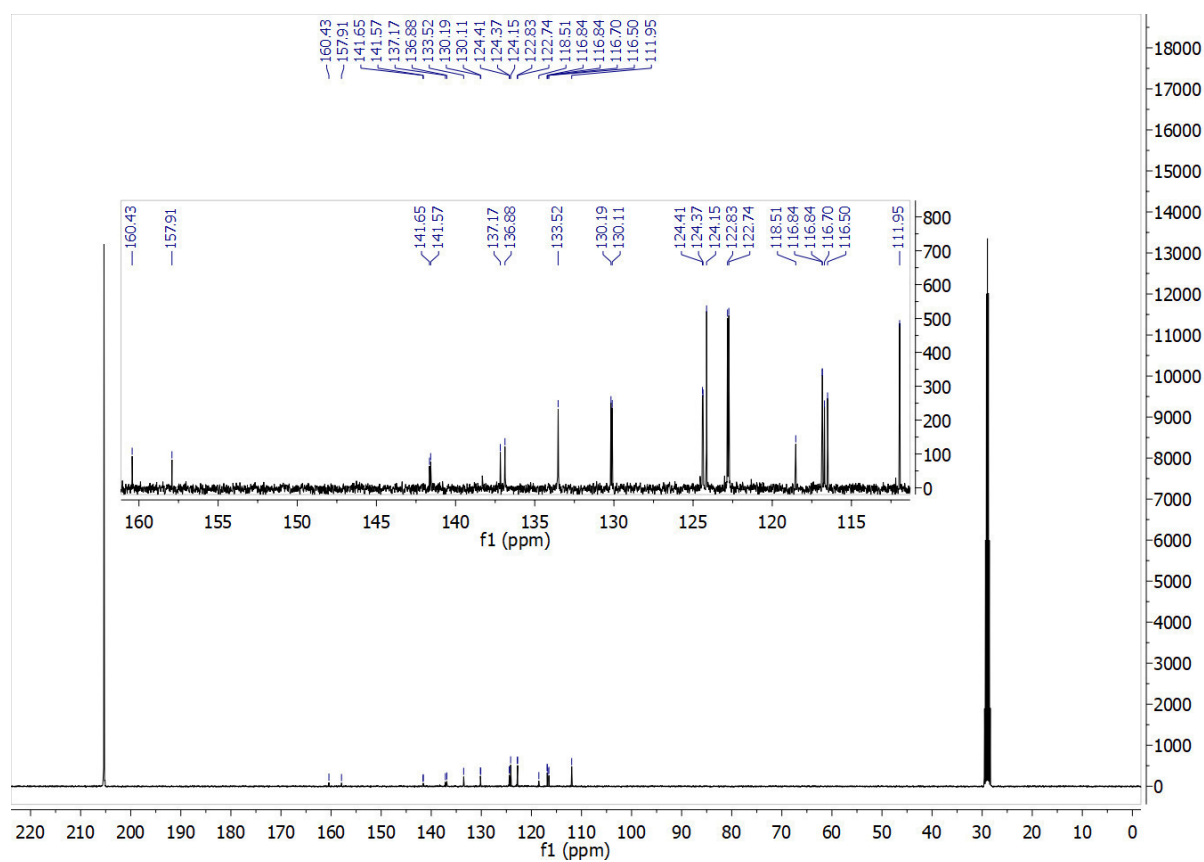
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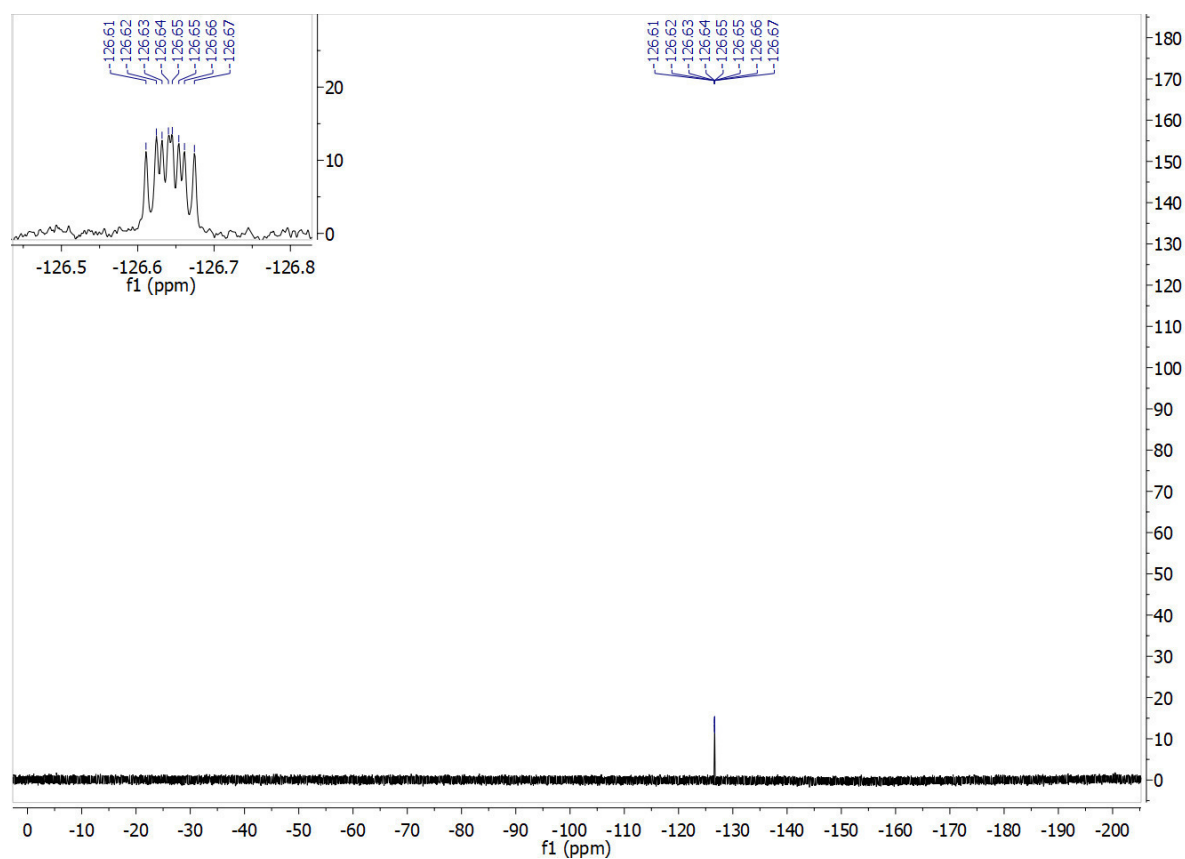
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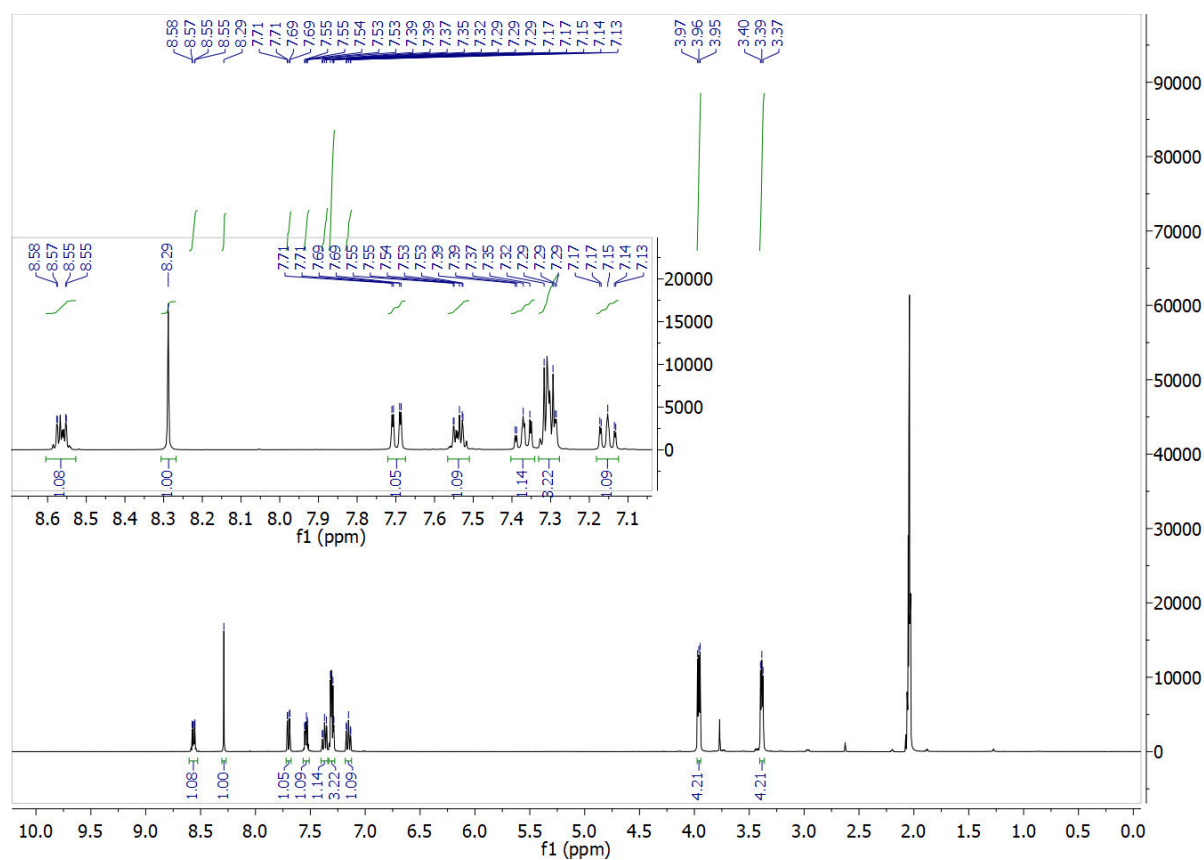
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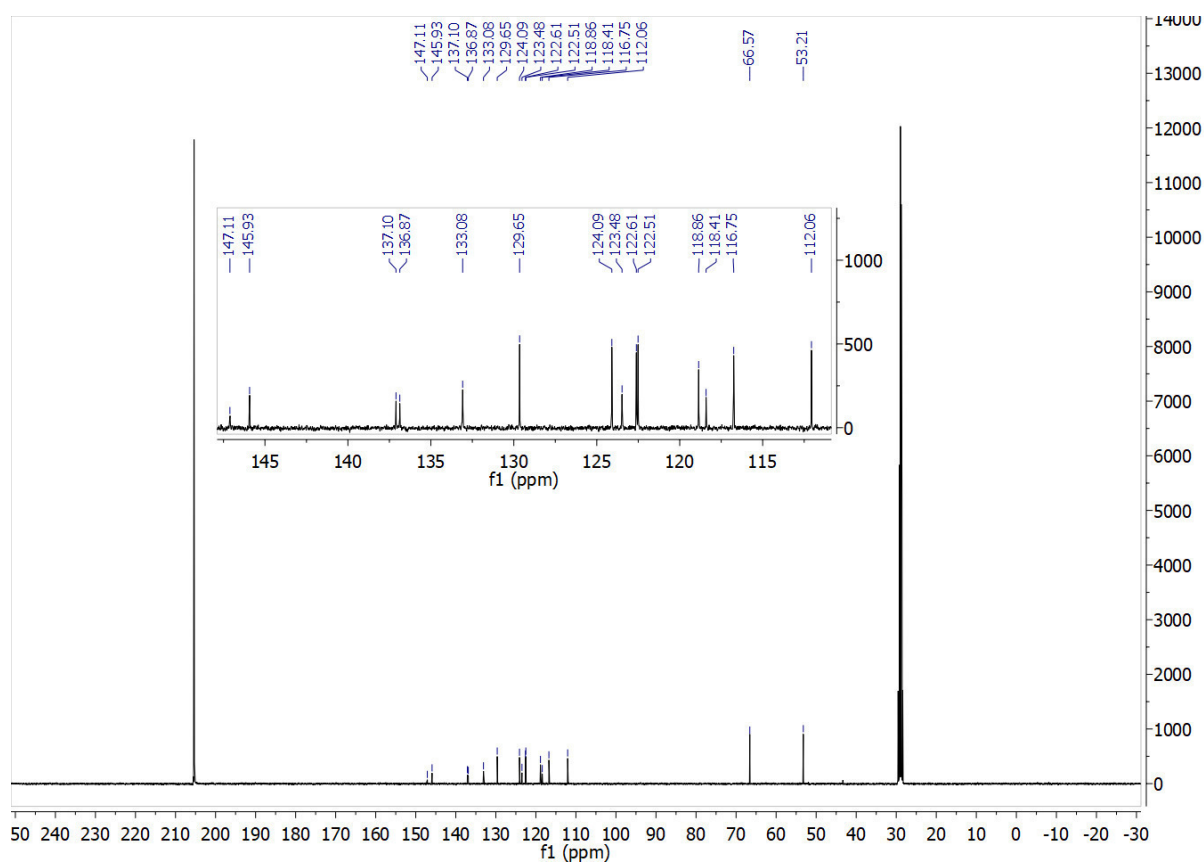
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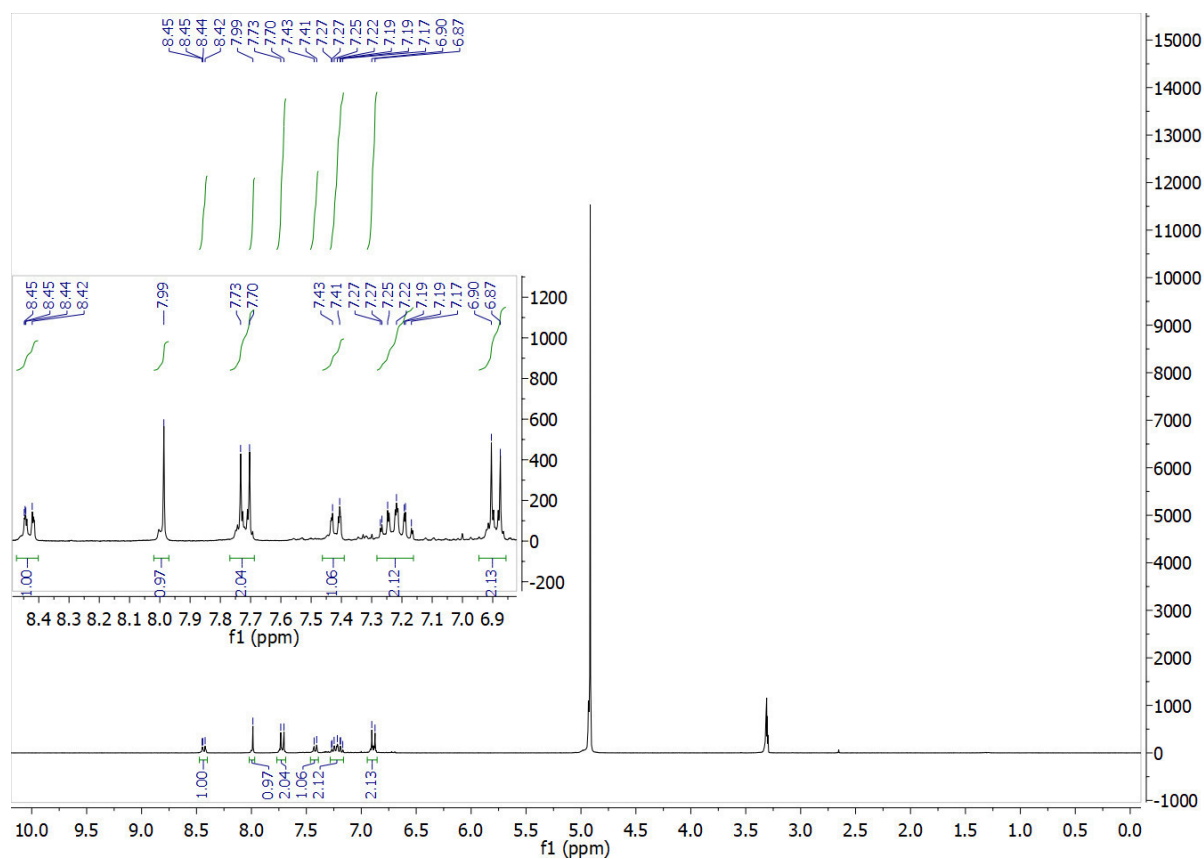
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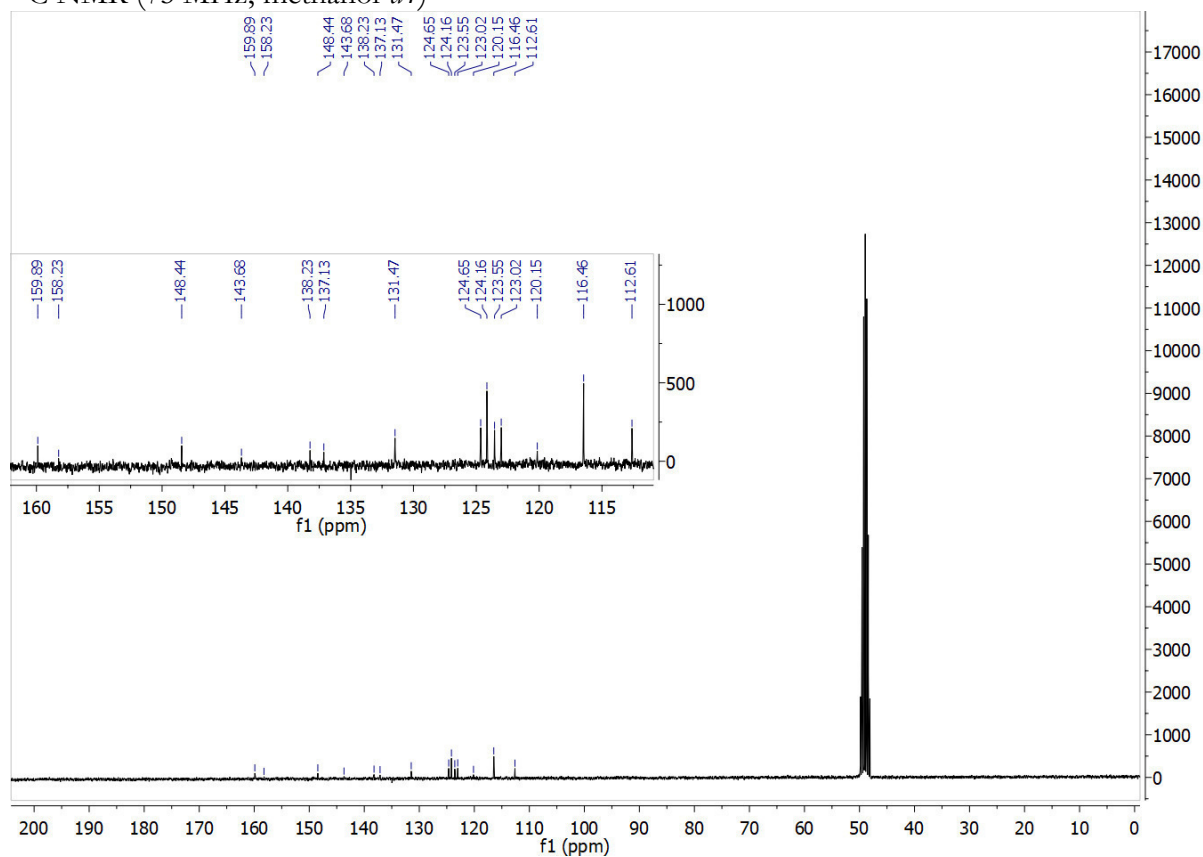
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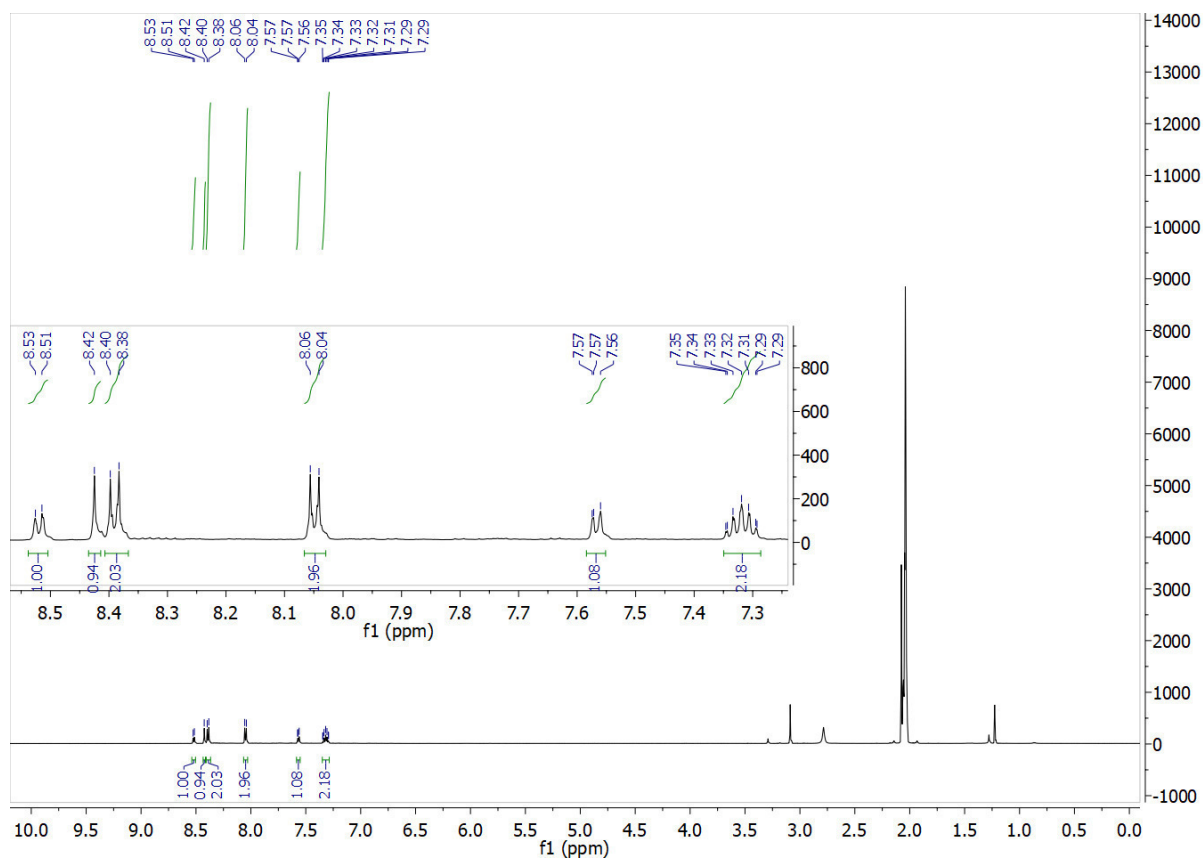
**6a:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )



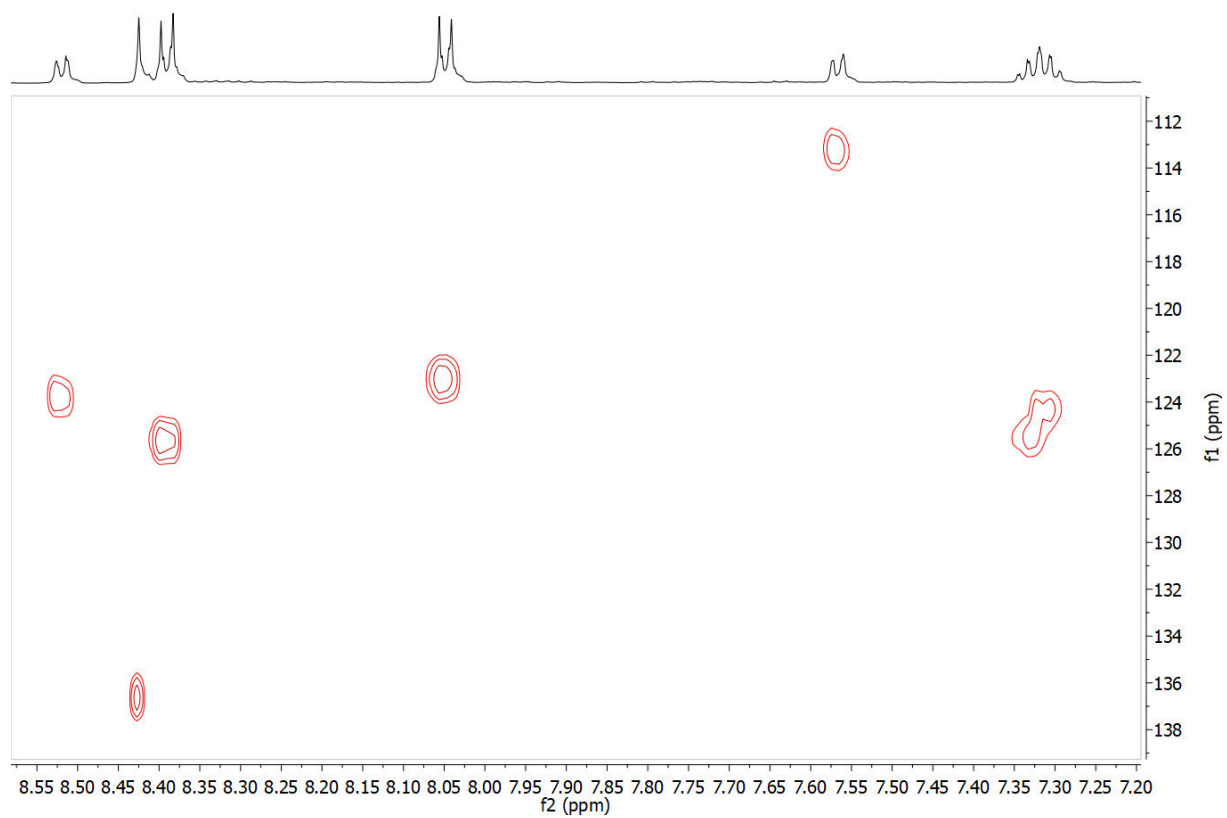
$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz, methanol- $d_4$ )



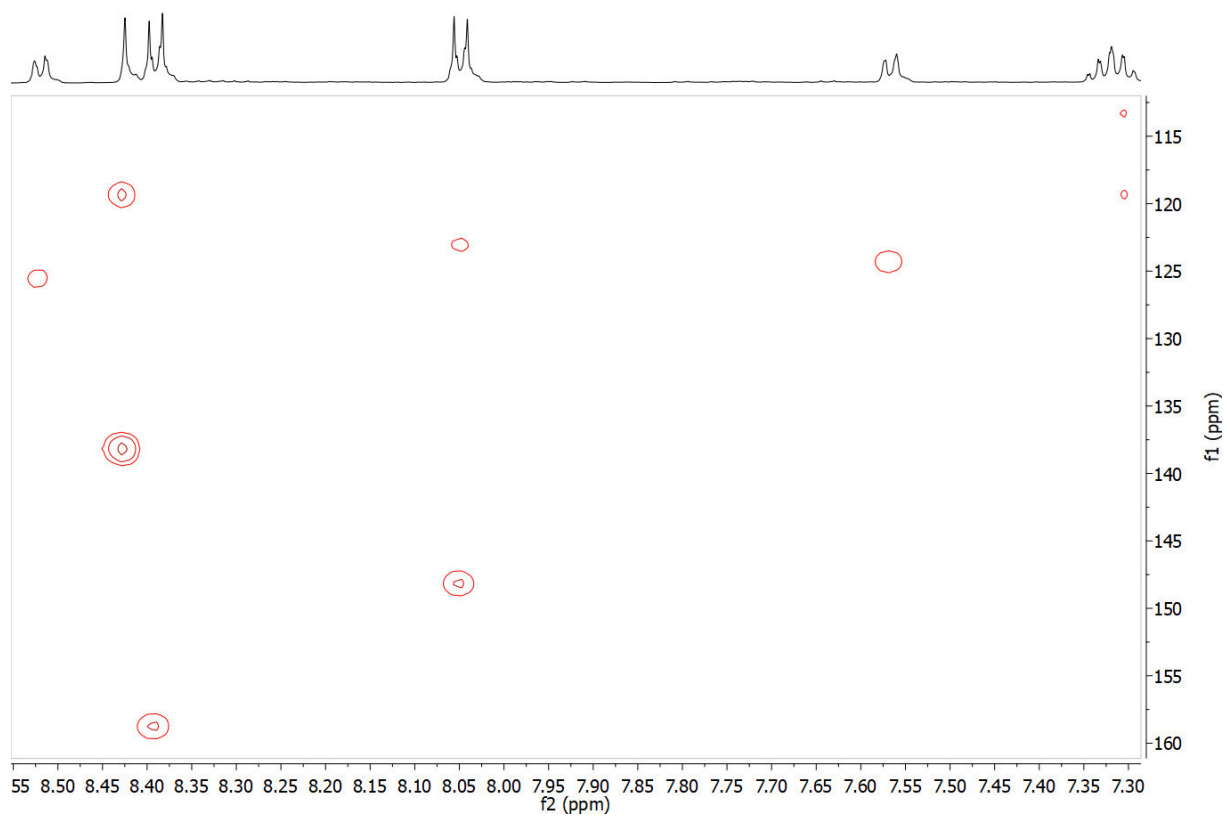
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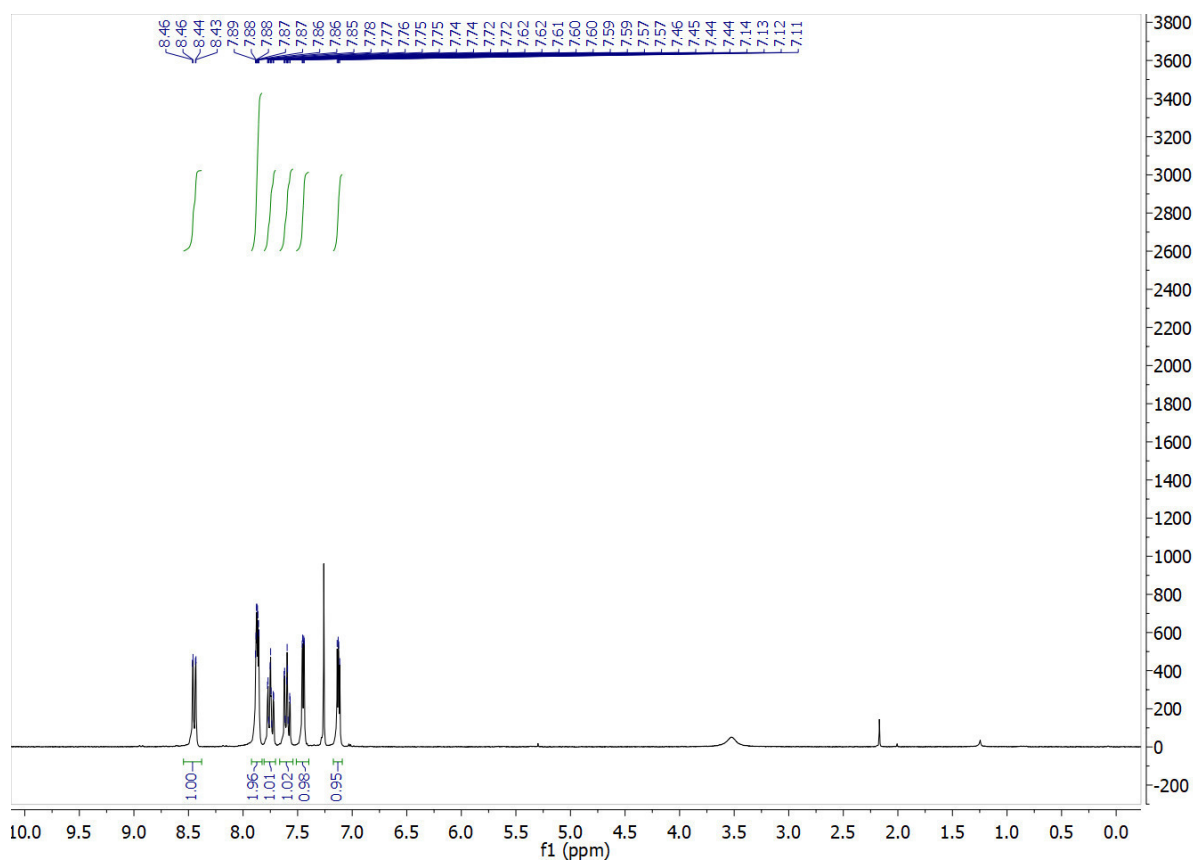
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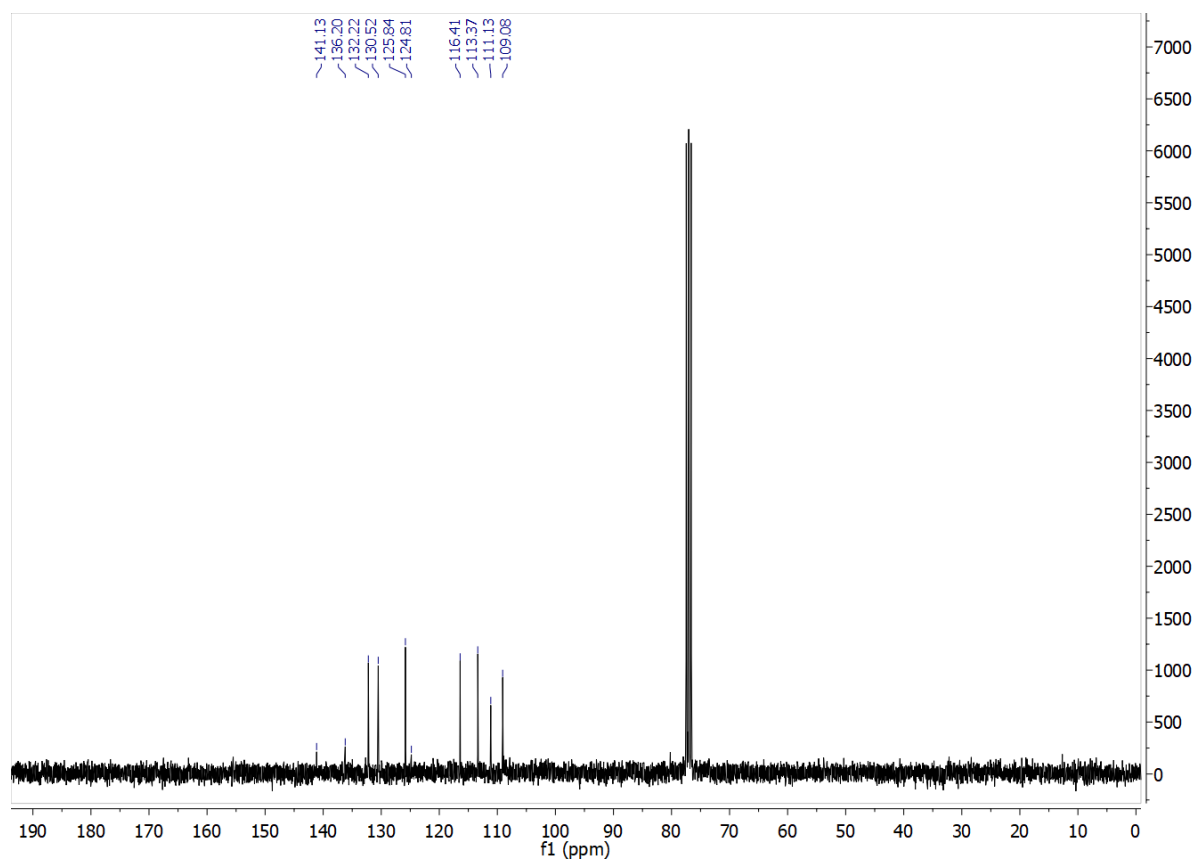
HMBC:



**10a'**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)

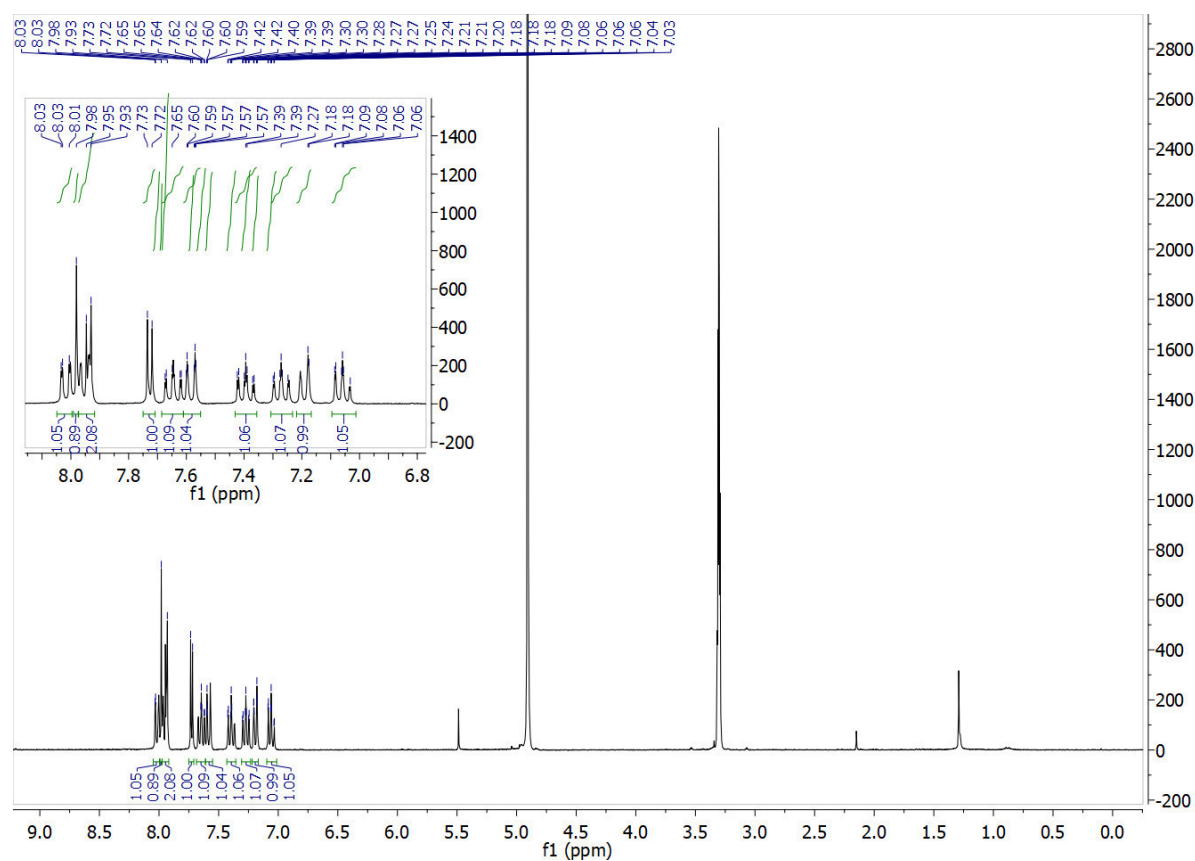


$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)





**10a''**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )



### 3. UV-Vis Absorption Spectra

**Table A1:** Overview over calculated and experimental absorption maxima, molar attenuation coefficient, lifetimes of the Z-isomer and calculated PSS distribution. Values for **1a** and **1b** were taken from our previous study.<sup>2</sup>

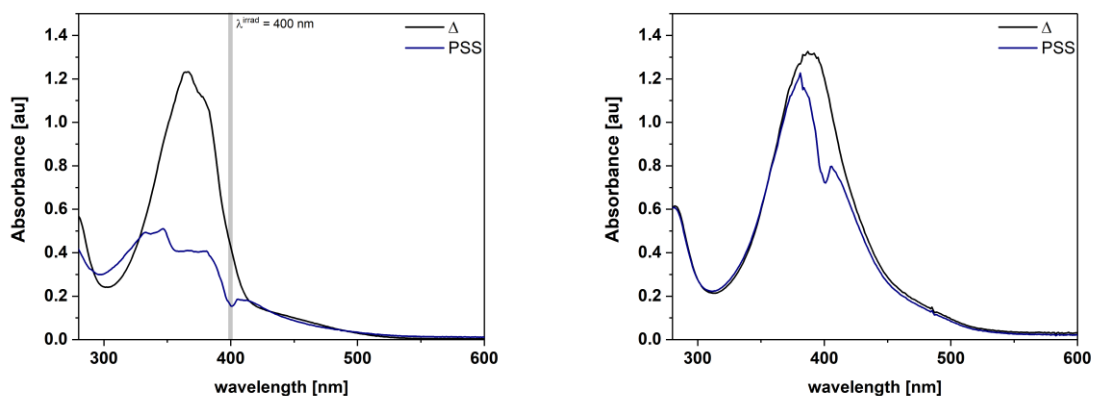
Compound	Solvent	$\lambda_{\text{max}}$ [nm] PBE0	$\lambda_{\text{max}}$ [nm]	$\epsilon_{\lambda_{\text{max}}}$	$\tau^b$	PSS <sup>i</sup> E-Z (%, calc.)
<b>1a</b>	Toluene <sup>a</sup>	366	362	15151	47.5 ms	--
	DMSO <sup>a</sup>	368	372	16447	6.5 s	--
	DMSO/water <sup>a</sup>	--	--	--	187.9 $\mu$ s	--
	MeOH <sup>a</sup>	366	365	14716	6.8 ms	--
	MeCN <sup>a</sup>	--	362	14654	4.3 s	--
	cyclohexane <sup>a</sup>	--	350	12242	42.5 ms	--
<b>1b</b>	Toluene <sup>a</sup>	373	366	14134	17.1 min	85-15
	DMSO <sup>a</sup>	376	380	15964	2.6 d	--
	DMSO/water <sup>a</sup>	--	--	--	--	--
	MeOH <sup>a</sup>	373	369	14338	2.4 h	--
	MeCN <sup>a</sup>	--	371	15936	1.2 d	--
	cyclohexane <sup>a</sup>	--	359	14450	1.1 h	--
<b>2a</b>	Toluene <sup>b</sup>	379	373	13956	51.4 s	94-6
	DMSO <sup>b</sup>	380	388	13248	1.41 s	19-81
	DMSO/water <sup>b</sup>	--	386	12513	--	--
	MeOH <sup>b</sup>	378	377	13582	13.1 ms	28-72
	MeCN <sup>b</sup>	--	377	13582	--	--
	Cyclohexane <sup>b</sup>	--	367	12354	--	--
<b>3a</b>	Toluene <sup>c</sup>	382	385	13890	12.1 ms	35-65
	DMSO <sup>c</sup>	384	389	15151	18.4 ms	45-55
	DMSO/water <sup>c</sup>	--	386	15086	--	--
	MeOH <sup>c</sup>	382	384	15556	7.76 ms	6-94
	MeCN <sup>c</sup>	--	384	15370	--	--
	Cyclohexane <sup>c</sup>	--	389	15207	--	--
<b>4a</b>	Toluene <sup>a</sup>	375	367	14148	136 s	90-10
	DMSO <sup>a</sup>	376	379	15592	1.02 s	19-81
	DMSO/water <sup>a</sup>	--	378	14408	--	--
	MeOH <sup>a</sup>	374	371	15552	9 ms	6-81
	MeCN <sup>a</sup>	--	371	14844	--	--
	cyclohexane <sup>a</sup>	--	357	16820	--	--
<b>5a</b>	Toluene <sup>a</sup>	340 (412)	347 (388)	11018	1.49 ms	9-91
	DMSO <sup>a</sup>	341, 411	394	17192	--	57-43
	DMSO/water <sup>a</sup>	--	375	16100	--	--
	MeOH <sup>a</sup>	340, 410	384	16820	--	9-91
	MeCN <sup>a</sup>	--	353 (385)	15812	--	--
	Cyclohexane <sup>d</sup>	--	342 (386)	13655	--	--
<b>6a</b>	Toluene <sup>e</sup>	373	373	10710	10.2 s	87-13
	DMSO <sup>e</sup>	375	380	12450	5.74 s	86-14

	DMSO/water <sup>e</sup>	--	377	10378	--	--
	MeOH <sup>d</sup>	373	374	13752	--	7-93
	MeCN <sup>e</sup>	--	372	11355	--	--
	cyclohexane <sup>a</sup>	--	358	15523	--	--
<b>7a</b>	Toluene <sup>f</sup>	427	399	11593	121 s	94-6
	DMSO <sup>f</sup>	442	422	14723	reaction	5-95
	DMSO/water <sup>f</sup>	--	417	12426	--	--
	MeOH <sup>f</sup>	438	407	15977	94.4 s	16-84
	MeCN <sup>g</sup>	--	403	12193	--	--
	Cyclohexane <sup>g</sup>	--	385	12913	--	--

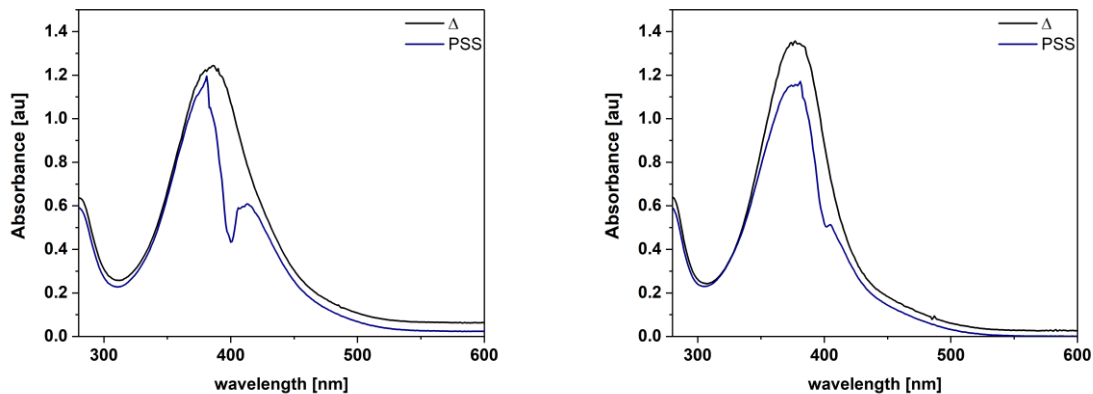
<sup>a</sup>Concentration was 50  $\mu$ M. <sup>b</sup>Concentration was 100  $\mu$ M. <sup>c</sup>Concentration was 100  $\mu$ M. <sup>d</sup>Concentration was 20  $\mu$ M. <sup>e</sup>Concentration was 40  $\mu$ M. <sup>f</sup>Concentration was 30  $\mu$ M. <sup>g</sup>Concentration was 15  $\mu$ M. <sup>h</sup>Lifetimes <1s were determined using Laser-Flash Photolysis, other values using UV/Vis spectroscopy <sup>i</sup>Using the method as presented in section A.I.3.9.

UV/Vis spectra at the thermal equilibrium ( $\Delta$ , black line) and the PSS (blue line) under constant irradiation.

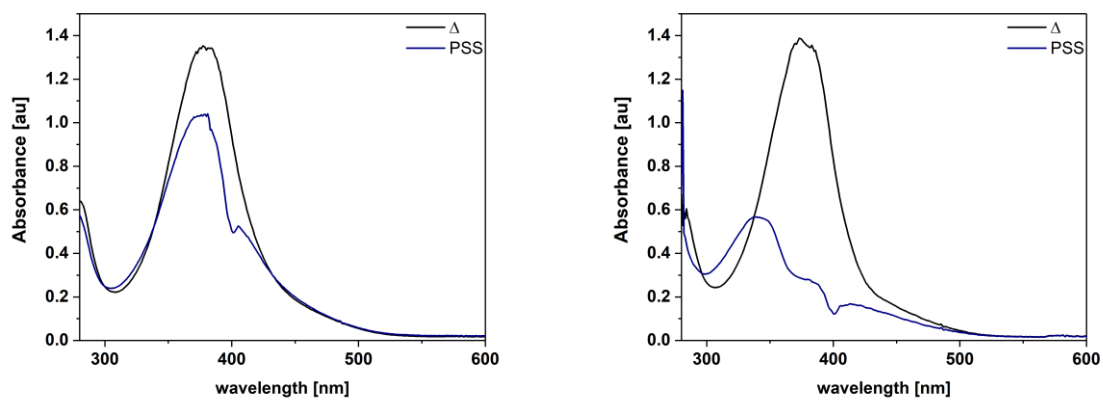
#### Compound 2a



**Figure A1:** *left:* 2a in cyclohexane (100  $\mu$ M), *right:* in DMSO (100  $\mu$ M).

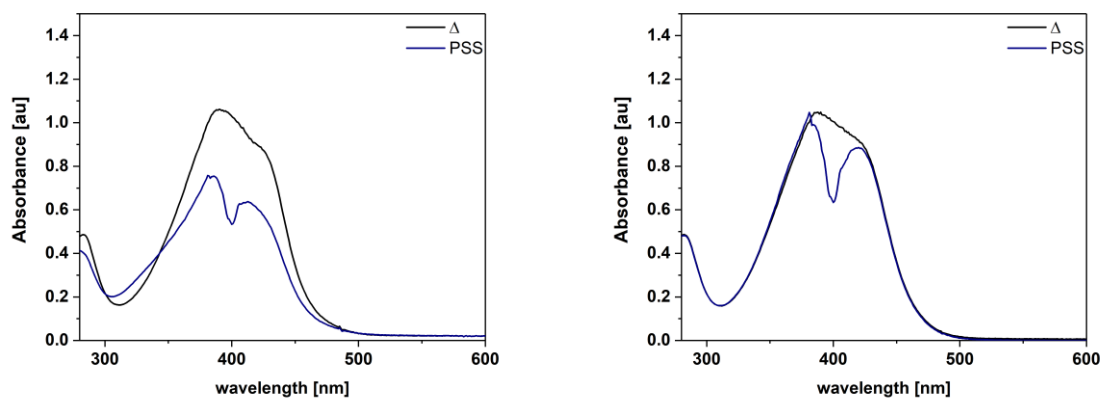


**Figure A2:** *left:* 2a in DMSO/water (1:1) (100  $\mu$ M), *right:* in MeCN (100  $\mu$ M).

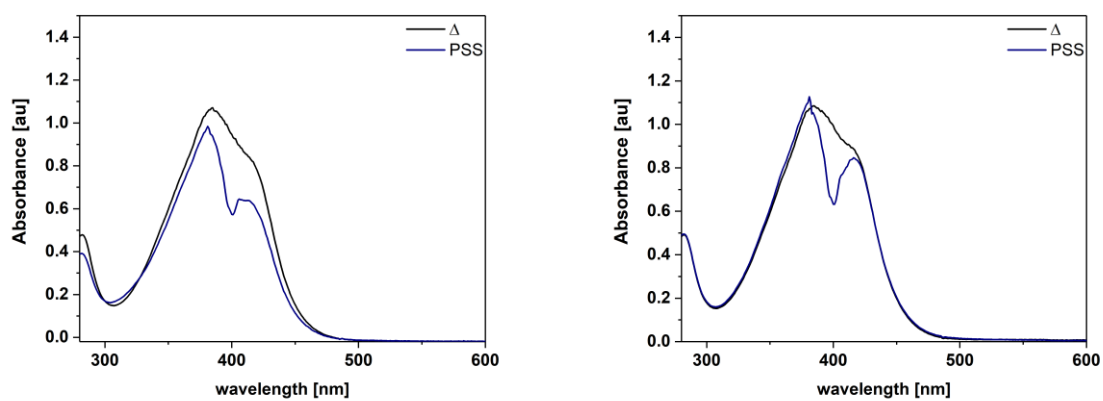


**Figure A3:** *left:* 2a in MeOH (100  $\mu$ M), *right:* in toluene (100  $\mu$ M).

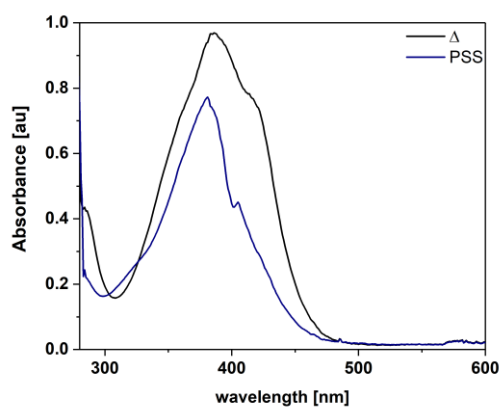
### Compound 3a



**Figure A4:** *left:* 3a in DMSO (70  $\mu$ M), *right:* in DMSO/water (1:1) (70  $\mu$ M).

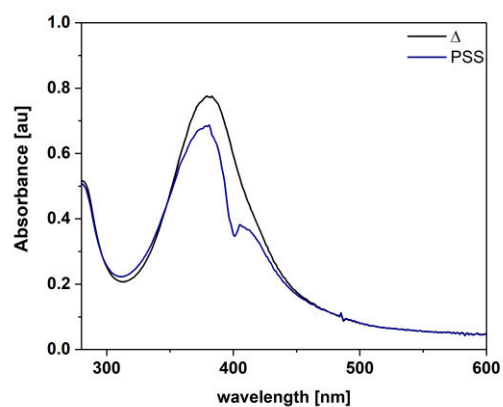
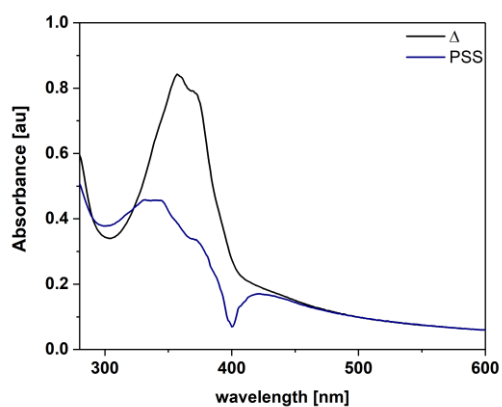


**Figure A5:** *left:* 3a in MeCN (70  $\mu$ M), *right:* in MeOH (70  $\mu$ M).

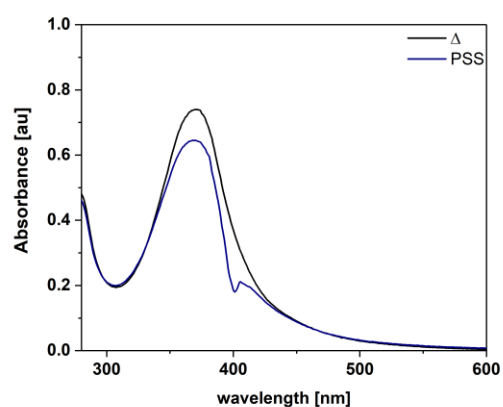
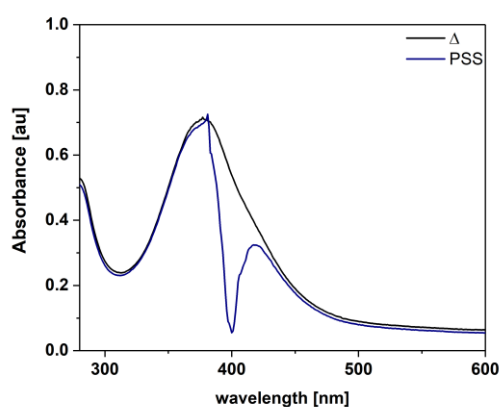


**Figure A6:** **3a** in toluene (70  $\mu\text{M}$ ).

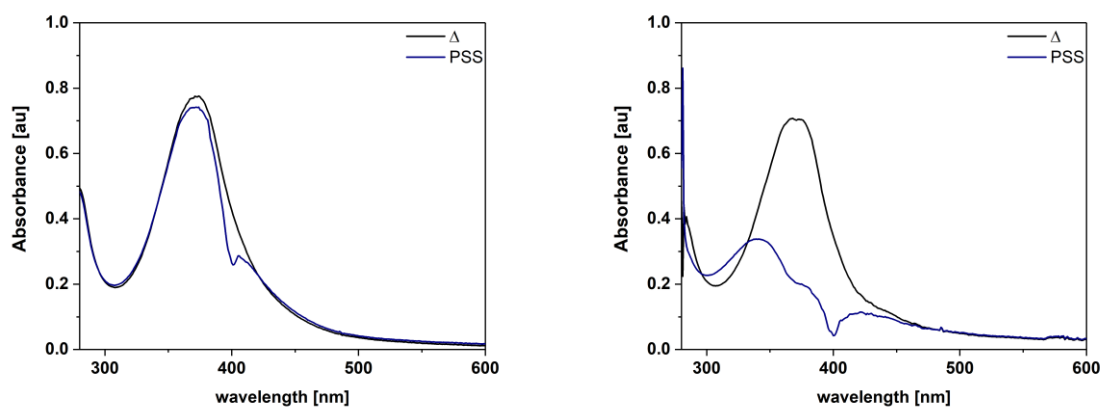
*Compound 4a*



**Figure A7:** *left:* **4a** in cyclohexane (50  $\mu\text{M}$ ), *right:* in DMSO (50  $\mu\text{M}$ ).

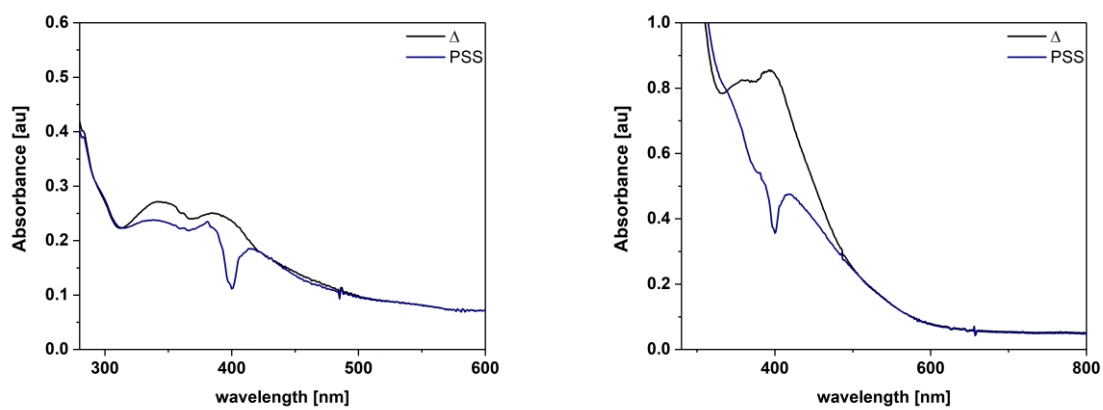


**Figure A8:** *left:* **4a** in DMSO/water (1:1) (50  $\mu\text{M}$ ), *right:* in MeCN (50  $\mu\text{M}$ ).

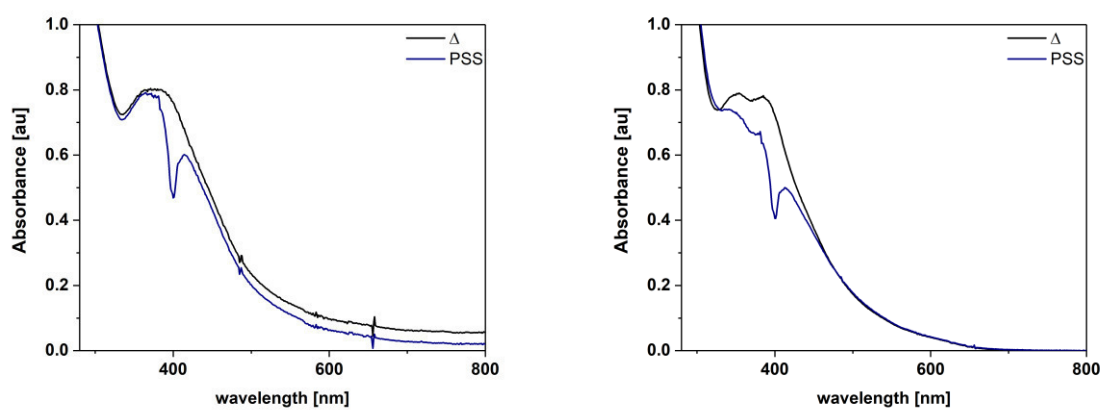


**Figure A9:** *left:* 4a in MeOH (50  $\mu$ M), *right:* in toluene (50  $\mu$ M).

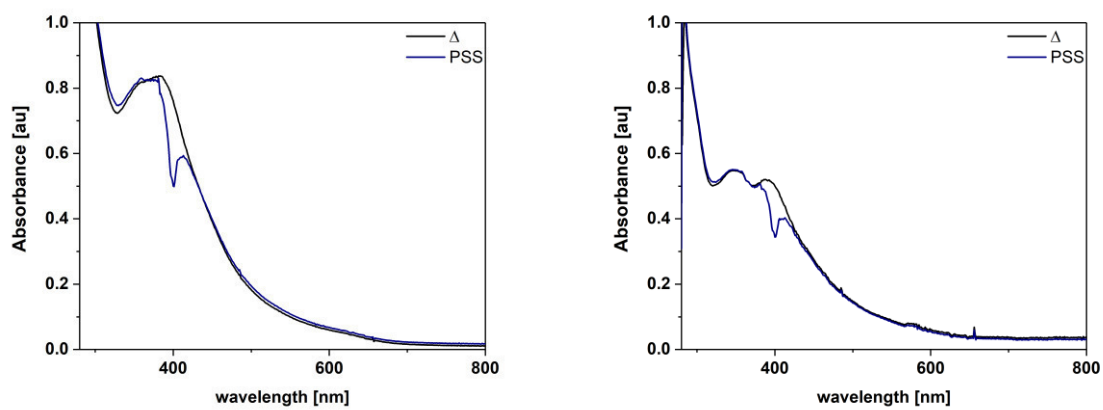
### Compound 5a



**Figure A10:** *left:* 5a in cyclohexane (50  $\mu$ M), *right:* in DMSO (50  $\mu$ M).

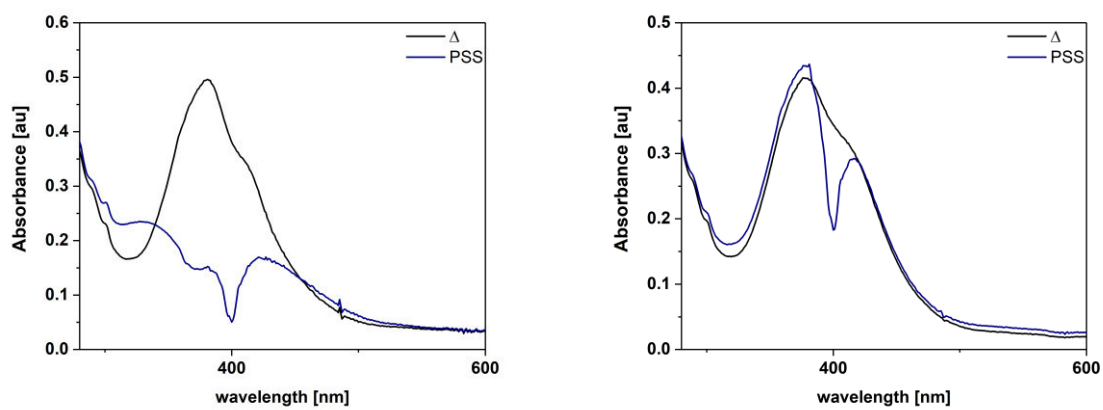


**Figure A11:** *left:* 5a in DMSO/water (1:1) (50  $\mu$ M), *right:* in MeCN (50  $\mu$ M).

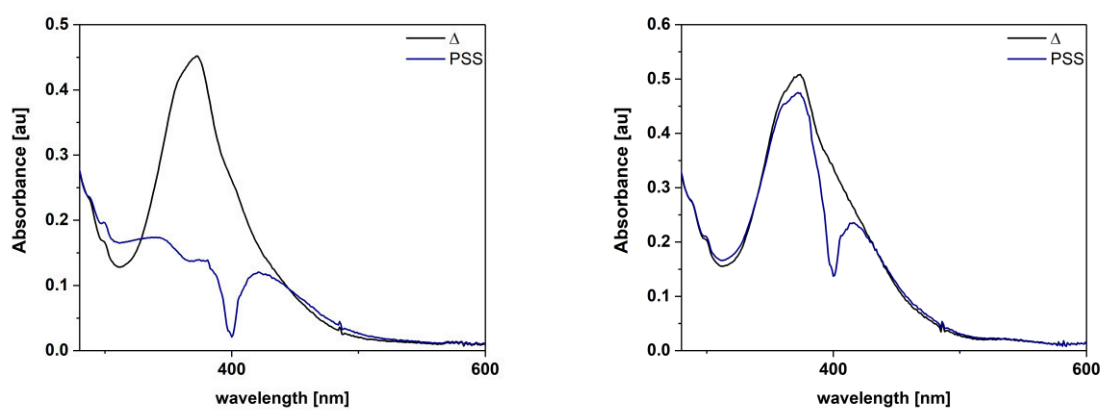


**Figure A12:** *left:* 5a in MeOH (50  $\mu$ M), *right:* in toluene (50  $\mu$ M).

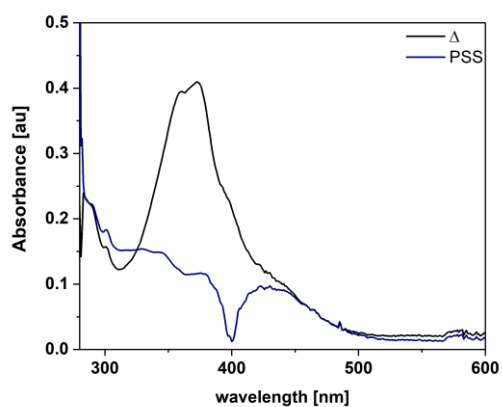
### Compound 6a



**Figure A13:** *left:* 6a in DMSO (40  $\mu$ M), *right:* in DMSO/water (1:1) (40  $\mu$ M).

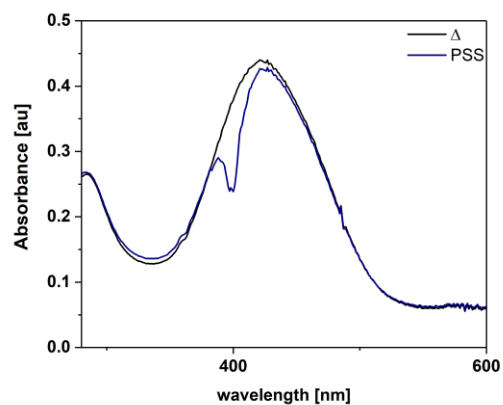
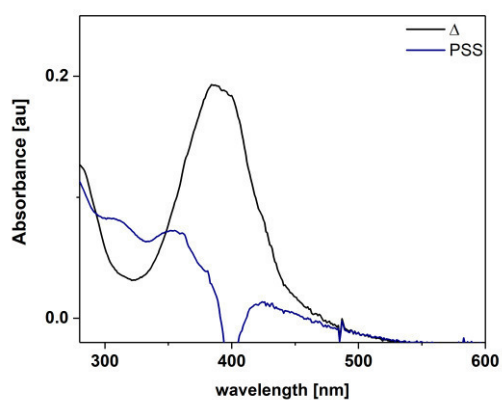


**Figure A14:** *left:* 6a in MeCN (40  $\mu$ M), *right:* in MeOH (40  $\mu$ M).

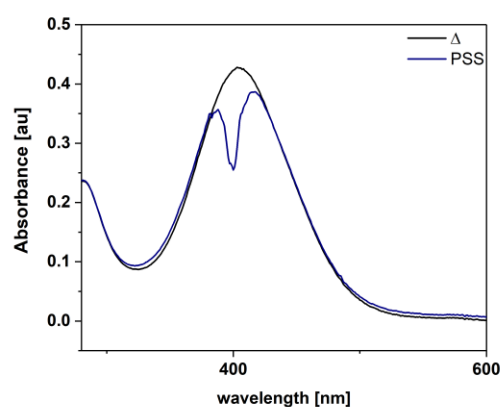
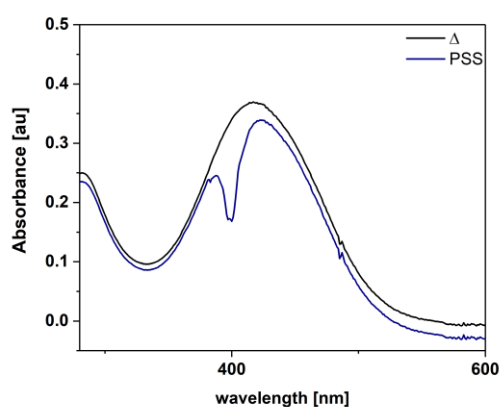


**Figure A15:** *left:* **6a** in toluene (40  $\mu$ M).

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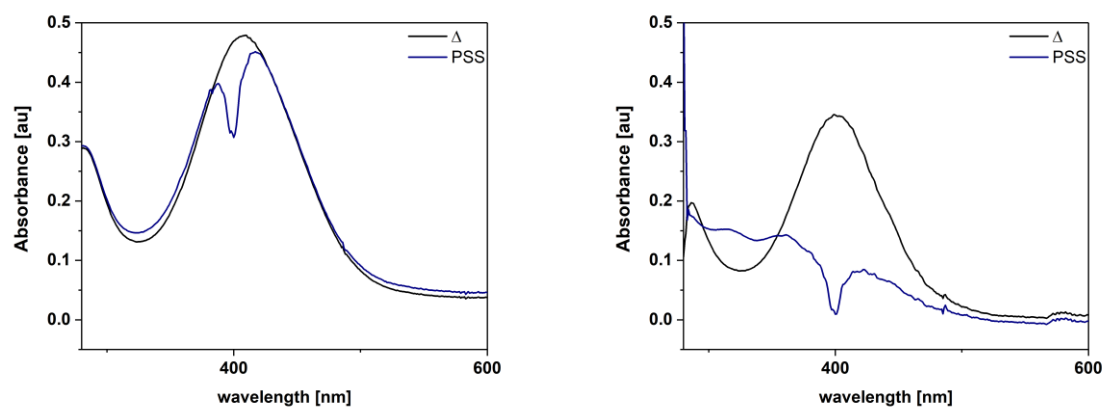


**Figure A16:** *left:* **7a** in cyclohexane (30  $\mu$ M), *right:* in DMSO (30  $\mu$ M).



**Figure A17:** *left:* **7a** in DMSO/water (30  $\mu$ M), *right:* in MeCN (30  $\mu$ M).





**Figure A18:** *left:* **7a** in MeOH (30 μM), *right:* in toluene (15 μM).

## 4. Lifetimes: UV/Vis Spectroscopy and Laser-Flash Photolysis

Compound **2a**

Table A1:

	Toluene <sup>a</sup>	DMSO <sup>a</sup>	MeOH <sup>b</sup>
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/t1) + y0$	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/t1) + y0$	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/t1) + y0$
y0	$0.72676 \pm 1.60274\text{E-}5$	$0.65685 \pm 6.84179\text{E-}5$	$0.00827 \pm 1.37117\text{E-}4$
A1	$-0.61532 \pm 7.60707\text{E-}5$	$-12.9504 \pm 0.15075$	$-0.02986 \pm 1.84396\text{E-}4$
t1	$51.40237 \pm 0.01048$	$1.41193 \pm 0.00405$	$6.24581\text{E}7 \pm 1.10538\text{E}6$
R-Square(COD)	0.99999	0.99817	0.94145
Adj. R-Square	0.99999	0.99816	0.94139

<sup>a</sup>t1 in seconds <sup>b</sup>t1 in nanoseconds.

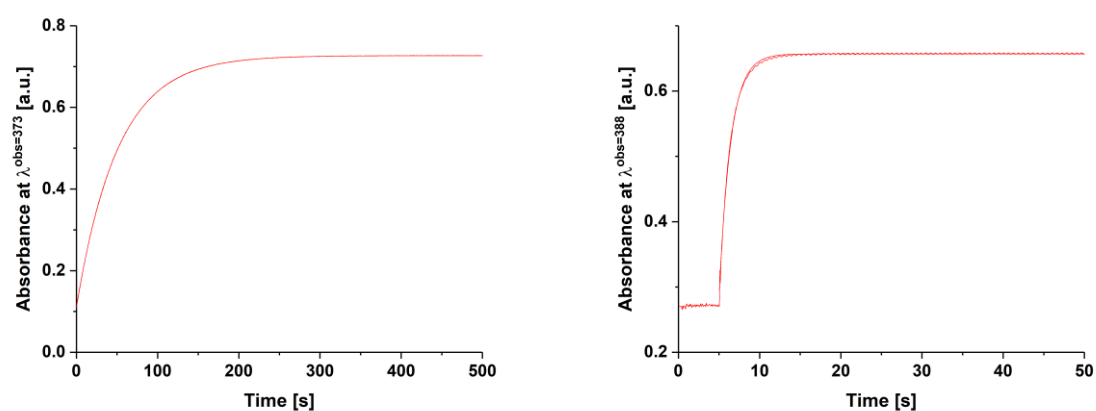


Figure A19: *left*: **2a** in Toluene (70 μM), *right*: in DMSO (70 μM).

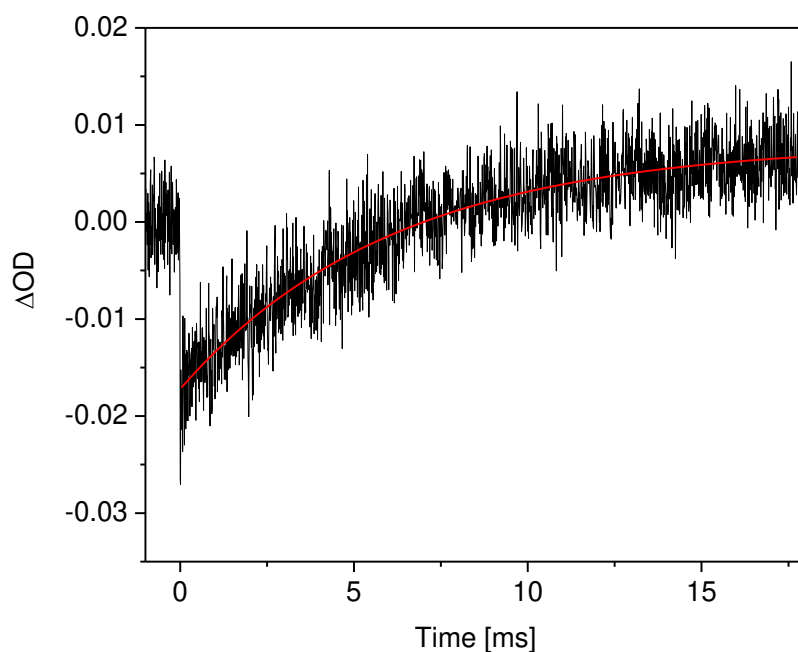
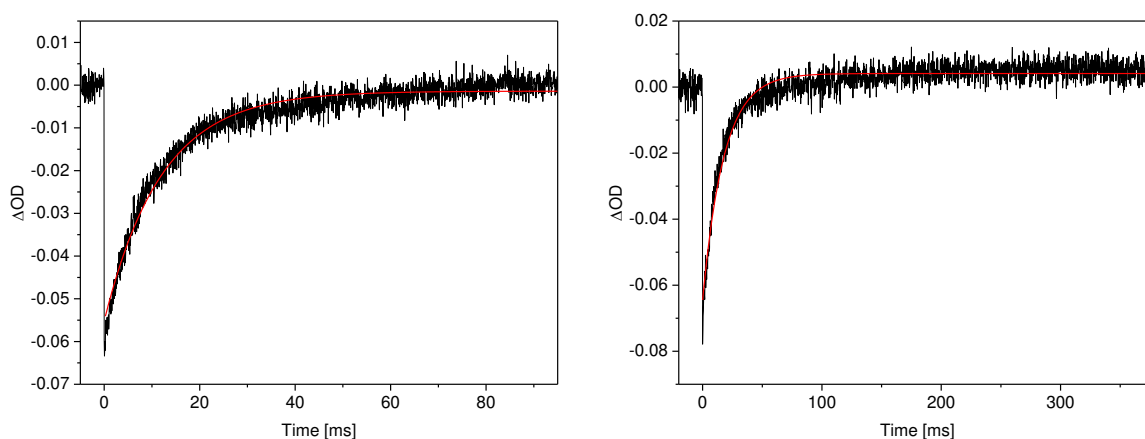
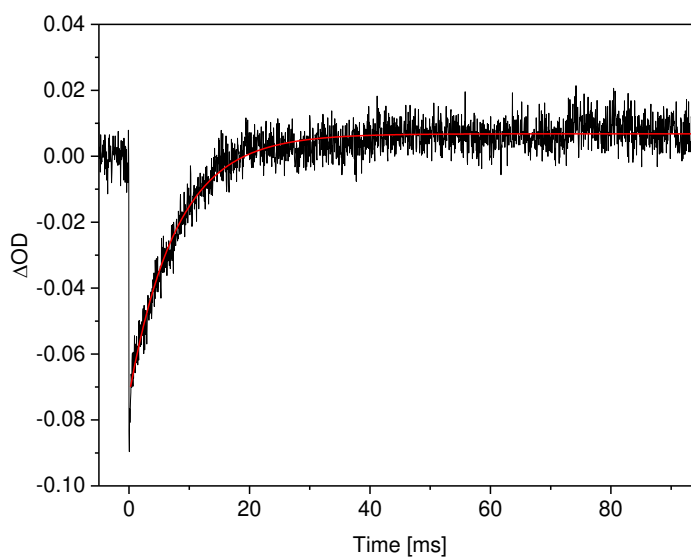


Figure A20: **2a** in MeOH (70 μM).

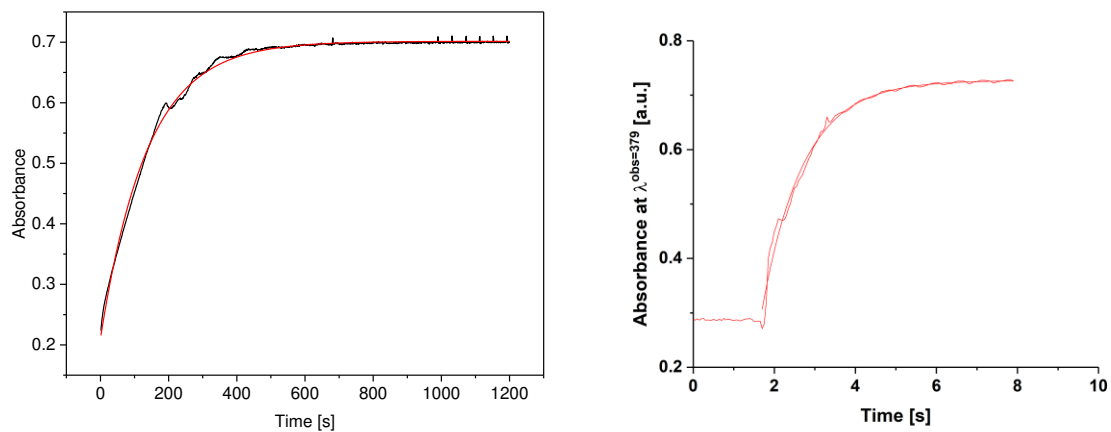
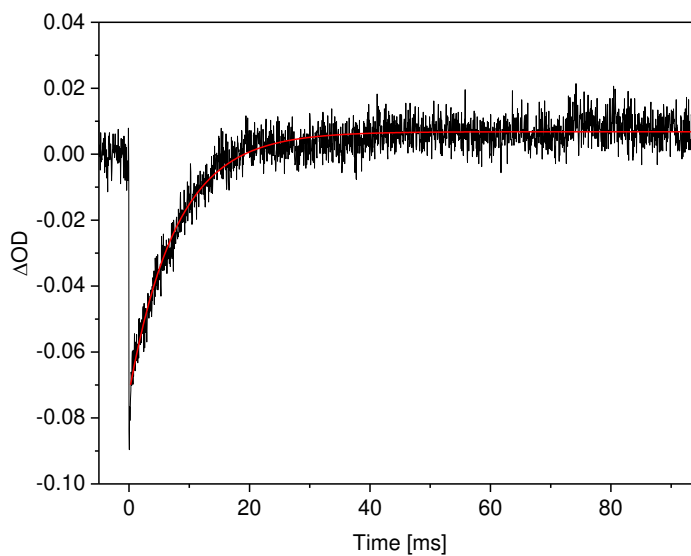
**Table A2:**

	Toluene <sup>a</sup>	DMSO <sup>a</sup>	MeOH <sup>a</sup>
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/t1) + y0$	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/t1) + y0$	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/t1) + y0$
y0	$-0.00134 \pm 7.61332\text{E-}5$	$0.00415 \pm 7.78229\text{E-}5$	$0.00679 \pm 1.16768\text{E-}4$
A1	$-0.07992 \pm 7.59232\text{E-}4$	$-0.19818 \pm 0.00474$	$-0.15179 \pm 0.00239$
t1	$1.21726\text{E}7 \pm 125353.53505$	$1.84068\text{E}7 \pm 268635.26259$	$7.76131\text{E}6 \pm 104491.43775$
R-Square(COD)	0.95767	0.90935	0.92375
Adj. R-Square	0.95763	0.90926	0.92367

<sup>a</sup>t1 in nanoseconds.**Figure A21:** *left:* **3a** in Toluene (70  $\mu\text{M}$ ), *right:* in DMSO (70  $\mu\text{M}$ ).**Figure A22:** **3a** in MeOH (70  $\mu\text{M}$ ).

**Table A3:**

	Toluene <sup>a</sup>	DMSO <sup>b</sup>	MeOH <sup>b</sup>
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/t1) + y0$	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/t1) + y0$	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/t1) + y0$
y0	$0.70155 \pm 2.20771\text{E-}4$	$0.72712 \pm 0.00159$	$0.00751 \pm 6.51539\text{E-}5$
A1	$-0.4909 \pm 9.75198\text{E-}4$	$-2.23962 \pm 0.09364$	$-0.16743 \pm 0.00102$
t1	$136.46438 \pm 0.45418$	$1.01625 \pm 0.0216$	$9.00743\text{E}6 \pm 51149.25507$
R-Square(COD)	0.99698	0.98902	0.98577
Adj. R-Square	0.99697	0.98884	0.98576

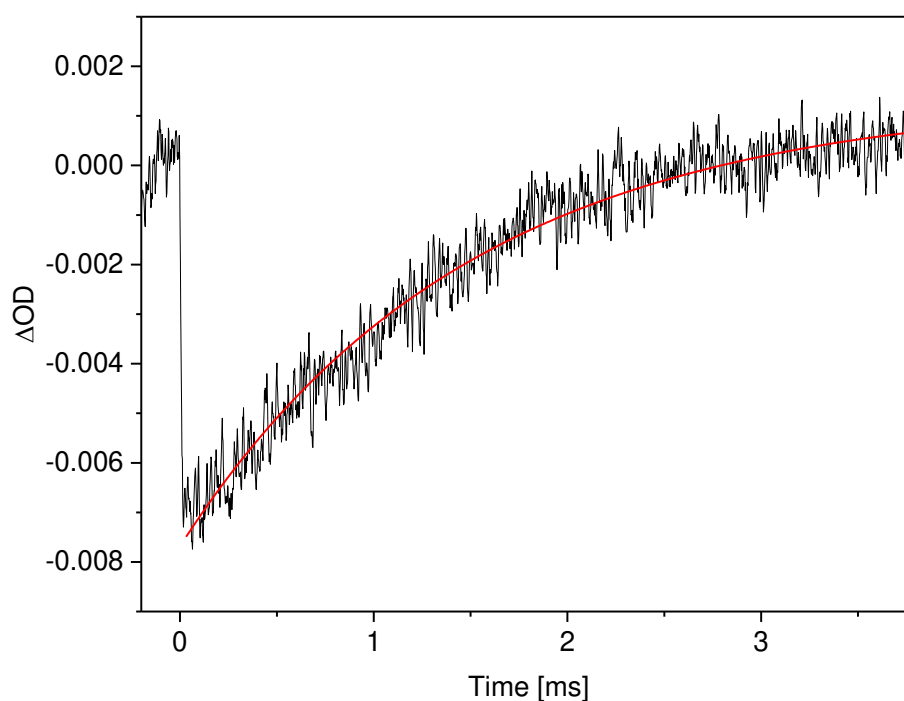
<sup>a</sup>t1 in seconds <sup>b</sup>t1 in nanoseconds.**Figure A23:** *left:* **4a** in Toluene (70 μM), *right:* in DMSO (70 μM).**Figure A24:** **4a** in MeOH (70 μM).

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**Table A4:**

	Toluene <sup>a</sup>	DMSO <sup>a</sup>	MeOH <sup>a</sup>
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/t1) + y0$	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/t1) + y0$	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/t1) + y0$
y0	$0.0014 \pm 5.1317\text{E-}5$	$0.00439 \pm 5.37689\text{E-}5$	$0.00309 \pm 3.67529\text{E-}5$
A1	$-0.01036 \pm 4.78701\text{E-}5$	$-0.0132 \pm 2.14566\text{E-}4$	$-0.01119 \pm 2.96278\text{E-}4$
t1	$1.49372\text{E}6 \pm 24233.21589$	$7.74428\text{E}6 \pm 201634.3993$	$1.311\text{E}7 \pm 412238.27235$
R-Square(COD)	0.9615	0.81792	0.71166
Adj. R-Square	0.96146	0.81772	0.71136

<sup>a</sup>t1 in nanoseconds.



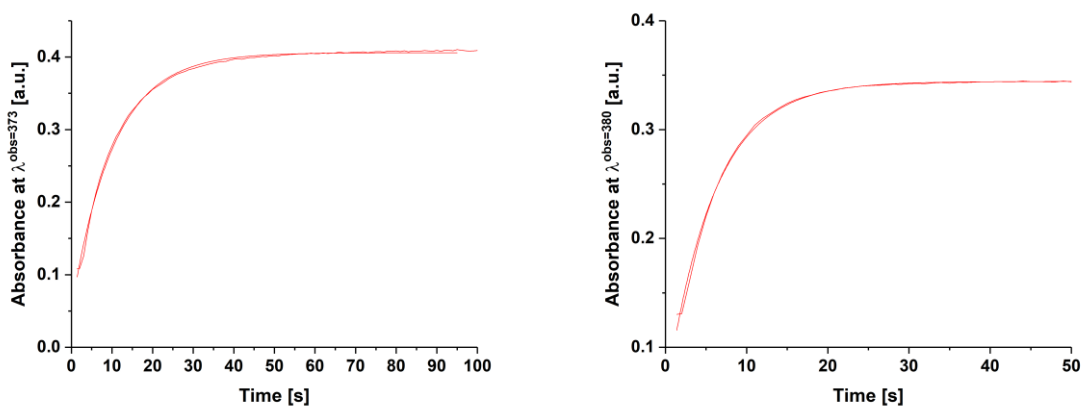
**Figure A25:5a** in Toluene (70  $\mu\text{M}$ ).

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**Table A5:**

	Toluene <sup>a</sup>	DMSO <sup>a</sup>	
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/t1) + y0$	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/t1) + y0$	
y0	$0.40598 \pm 4.37519\text{E-}4$	$0.34426 \pm 5.77706\text{E-}4$	
A1	$-0.35436 \pm 0.00228$	$-0.29178 \pm 0.00324$	
t1	$10.22239 \pm 0.10315$	$5.74329 \pm 0.09553$	
R-Square(COD)	0.99789	0.99722	
Adj. R-Square	0.99784	0.9971	

<sup>a</sup>t1 in seconds



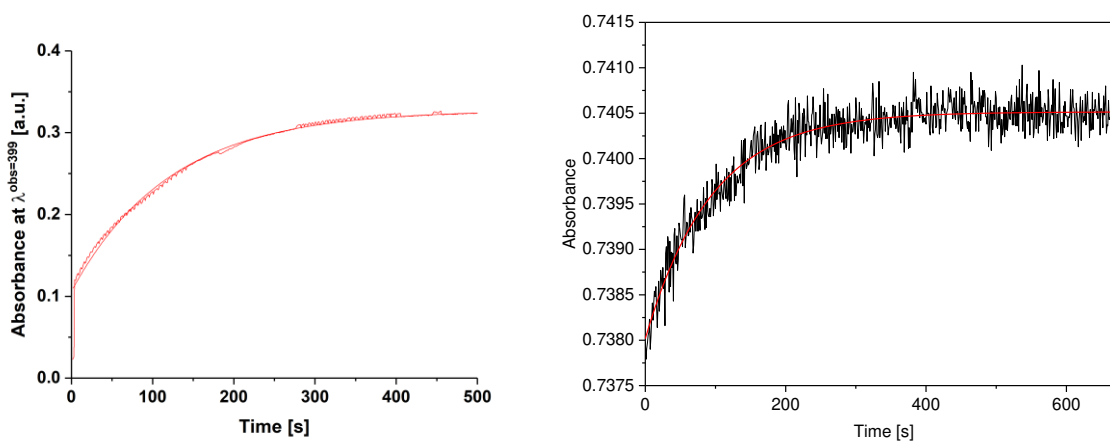
**Figure A26:** *left:* **6a** in Toluene (70  $\mu$ M), *right:* in DMSO (70  $\mu$ M).

### Compound **7a**

**Table A6:**

	Toluene <sup>a</sup>	MeOH <sup>a</sup>
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/t1) + y0$	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/t1) + y0$
y0	$0.32757 \pm 1.60002E-4$	$0.74051 \pm 9.99735E-6$
A1	$-0.22143 \pm 7.96921E-4$	$-0.0025 \pm 3.60544E-5$
t1	$121.14833 \pm 0.70449$	$94.43379 \pm 2.44385$
R-Square(COD)	0.99062	0.90967
Adj. R-Square	0.9906	0.90941

<sup>a</sup>t1 in seconds.



**Figure A27:** *left:* **7a** in Toluene (35  $\mu$ M), *right:* in MeOH (70  $\mu$ M).

## 5. X-Ray

### Compound **1b**

**Experimental.** Single clear orange block-shaped crystals of **1b** were obtained by recrystallisation from chloroform/heptane. A suitable crystal (0.20×0.16×0.07) was selected and mounted on a MITIGEN holder oil on a GV1000, TitanS2 diffractometer. The crystal was kept at  $T = 123.00(11)$  K during data collection. Using **Olex2**,<sup>3</sup> the structure was solved with the **ShelXT** structure solution program, using the Intrinsic Phasing solution method.<sup>4</sup> The model was refined with ShelXL using Least Squares minimisation.<sup>5</sup>

**Crystal Data.**  $C_{15}H_{13}N_3$ ,  $M_r = 235.28$ , monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$  (No. 14),  $a = 7.87750(10)$  Å,  $b = 8.93220(10)$  Å,  $c = 17.6085(3)$  Å,  $\alpha = 99.1020(10)^\circ$ ,  $\beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$ ,  $V = 1223.39(3)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $T = 123.00(11)$  K,  $Z = 4$ ,  $Z' = 1$ ,  $\mu(\text{CuK}\alpha) = 0.613$ , 14385 reflections measured, 2463 unique ( $R_{int} = 0.0199$ ) which were used in all calculations. The final  $wR_2$  was 0.0874 (all data) and  $R_1$  was 0.0344 ( $I > 2(I)$ ).

**Table A7:**

Formula	$C_{15}H_{13}N_3$
$D_{calc.}/\text{g cm}^{-3}$	1.277
$m/\text{mm}^{-1}$	0.613
Formula Weight	235.28
Colour	clear orange
Shape	block
Size/ $\text{mm}^3$	0.2
$T/\text{K}$	0.16
Crystal System	0.07
Space Group	123.00(11)
$a/\text{\AA}$	monoclinic
$b/\text{\AA}$	$P2_1/n$
$c/\text{\AA}$	7.87750(10)
$a/^\circ$	8.93220(10)
$b/^\circ$	17.6085(3)
$\gamma/^\circ$	90
$V/\text{\AA}^3$	99.1020(10)
$Z$	90
$Z'$	1223.39(3)
Wavelength/ $\text{\AA}$	4
Radiation type	1
$Q_{min}/^\circ$	5.088
$Q_{max}/^\circ$	74.295
Measured Refl.	14385
Independent Refl.	2463
Reflections Used	2349
$R_{int}$	0.0199
Parameters	164

Restraints	0
Largest Peak	0.239
Deepest Hole	-0.245
GooF	1.042
$\omega R_2$ (all data)	0.0874
$\omega R_2$	0.0864
$R_I$ (all data)	0.0356
$R_I$	0.0344

### Compound **2a**

**Experimental.** Single clear brown prism-shaped crystals of **2a** were obtained by recrystallisation from chloroform/heptane. A suitable crystal (0.18×0.16×0.09) mm<sup>3</sup> was selected and mounted on a MITIGEN holder with inert oil on a SuperNova, Single source at offset, Atlas diffractometer. The crystal was kept at  $T = 123.01(10)$  K during data collection. Using **Olex2**,<sup>3</sup> the structure was solved with the **ShelXT** structure solution program,<sup>5</sup> using the Intrinsic Phasing solution method. The model was refined with version 2014/7 of **ShelXL** using Least Squares minimisation.<sup>4</sup>

**Crystal Data.** C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>,  $M_r = 300.16$ , orthorhombic, Pbca (No. 61),  $a = 13.7408(2)$  Å,  $b = 10.8233(2)$  Å,  $c = 16.5350(2)$  Å,  $a = b = c = 90^\circ$ ,  $V = 2459.10(7)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $T = 123.01(10)$  K,  $Z = 8$ ,  $Z' = 1$ ,  $m(\text{CuK}\alpha) = 4.419$ , 40174 reflections measured, 2577 unique ( $R_{int} = 0.0373$ ) which were used in all calculations. The final  $\omega R_2$  was 0.0726 (all data) and  $R_I$  was 0.0261 ( $I > 2(I)$ ).

**Table A8:**

Formula	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>10</sub> BrN <sub>3</sub>
$D_{calc.}/\text{g cm}^{-3}$	1.621
$m/\text{mm}^{-1}$	4.419
Formula Weight	300.16
Colour	clear brown
Shape	prism
Size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.18×0.16×0.09
$T/\text{K}$	123.01(10)
Crystal System	orthorhombic
Space Group	Pbca
$a/\text{\AA}$	13.7408(2)
$b/\text{\AA}$	10.8233(2)
$c/\text{\AA}$	16.5350(2)
$a/^\circ$	90
$b/^\circ$	90
$c/^\circ$	90
$V/\text{\AA}^3$	2459.10(7)
$Z$	8
$Z'$	1



Wavelength/Å	1.54184
Radiation type	CuK <sub>α</sub>
$Q_{min}/^{\circ}$	5.35
$Q_{max}/^{\circ}$	76.464
Measured Refl.	40174
Independent Refl.	2577
Reflections Used	2390
$R_{int}$	0.0373
Parameters	163
Restraints	0
Largest Peak	0.399
Deepest Hole	-0.809
GooF	1.083
$wR_2$ (all data)	0.0726
$wR_2$	0.0708
$R_1$ (all data)	0.0283
$R_1$	0.0261



**Figure A28:** Images of the crystal on the diffractometer.

**Table A9:** Fractional Atomic Coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for **2a**.  $U_{eq}$  is defined as 1/3 of the trace of the orthogonalised  $U_{ij}$ .

Atom	x	y	z	$U_{eq}$
Br(1)	5458.2(2)	1696.5(2)	5760.6(2)	30.77(9)
N(2)	3722.6(10)	4571.6(13)	4641.3(8)	22.1(3)
N(1)	4187.2(10)	3661.6(14)	4943.0(8)	20.8(3)
N(3)	2166.6(12)	6728.9(13)	5593.9(10)	24.0(3)
C(8)	3168.4(12)	5231.1(15)	6072.6(10)	20.5(3)
C(1)	4725.9(13)	2976.3(17)	4362.1(10)	20.6(3)
C(2)	4690.1(13)	3193.6(16)	3527.1(11)	23.5(3)
C(7)	3209.1(12)	5259.2(16)	5195.9(10)	21.4(3)
C(9)	3635.8(12)	4555.2(15)	6684.2(10)	22.1(3)
C(13)	2503.8(12)	6167.4(16)	6296.2(10)	21.6(3)
C(14)	2588.7(13)	6192.5(17)	4943.5(10)	24.5(3)
C(6)	5325.5(13)	2023.7(18)	4639.6(11)	23.3(3)
C(10)	3408.6(13)	4813.2(16)	7482.6(10)	24.6(3)
C(3)	5228.1(14)	2473.9(19)	2998.5(11)	27.8(4)
C(11)	2729.8(13)	5728.1(16)	7689.2(10)	25.0(3)

Atom	x	y	z	$U_{eq}$
C(12)	2273.8(13)	6425.4(17)	7097.3(11)	23.8(3)
C(5)	5863.5(14)	1297.8(19)	4110.7(12)	28.6(4)
C(4)	5812.3(14)	1523.7(19)	3287.2(12)	29.9(4)

**Table A10:** Anisotropic Displacement Parameters ( $\times 10^4$ ) **2a**. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form:  $-2h^2[a^{*2} \times U_{11} + \dots + 2hka^* \times b^* \times U_{12}]$

Atom	$U_{11}$	$U_{22}$	$U_{33}$	$U_{23}$	$U_{13}$	$U_{12}$
Br(1)	33.42(14)	39.09(14)	19.80(13)	6.72(7)	0.43(6)	7.87(8)
N(2)	22.6(7)	25.2(7)	18.5(6)	0.6(5)	-1.0(5)	-1.1(5)
N(1)	20.3(6)	24.6(7)	17.5(6)	0.3(5)	0.2(5)	-0.8(5)
N(3)	26.1(7)	23.4(7)	22.4(7)	1.7(5)	-3.4(6)	4.1(6)
C(8)	20.7(7)	21.4(7)	19.5(8)	-1.3(6)	-0.1(6)	-2.1(6)
C(1)	20.0(7)	25.5(8)	16.4(7)	-0.8(6)	1.5(6)	-4.3(7)
C(2)	24.4(8)	28.7(8)	17.4(8)	1.0(6)	-1.2(6)	-4.4(6)
C(7)	22.4(7)	22.3(8)	19.5(8)	0.1(6)	-1.4(6)	-1.9(6)
C(9)	23.2(8)	21.0(7)	22.2(8)	-0.4(6)	-1.9(6)	1.1(6)
C(13)	21.0(7)	21.1(7)	22.7(8)	0.6(6)	-2.4(6)	-1.4(6)
C(14)	27.1(8)	25.8(8)	20.7(8)	2.2(7)	-3.2(6)	-1.0(7)
C(6)	22.1(8)	29.4(8)	18.5(8)	0.5(7)	1.4(6)	-1.7(7)
C(10)	27.4(8)	25.5(8)	20.8(8)	2.0(6)	-3.7(6)	-0.2(7)
C(3)	29.3(8)	38.1(10)	16.1(8)	-3.6(7)	1.2(7)	-9.6(8)
C(11)	28.2(8)	28.0(8)	18.7(7)	-2.7(6)	0.5(6)	-1.4(7)
C(12)	23.6(8)	23.7(8)	24.2(8)	-1.9(6)	1.0(6)	0.9(7)
C(5)	25.8(9)	30.6(9)	29.4(9)	-1.0(8)	2.4(7)	3.2(7)
C(4)	24.8(9)	38.2(10)	26.6(9)	-10.1(7)	6.6(7)	-1.9(7)

**Table A11:** Bond Lengths in Å for **2a**.

Atom	Atom	Length/Å
Br(1)	C(6)	1.8959(18)
N(2)	N(1)	1.275(2)
N(2)	C(7)	1.376(2)
N(1)	C(1)	1.422(2)
N(3)	C(13)	1.390(2)
N(3)	C(14)	1.353(2)
C(8)	C(7)	1.451(2)
C(8)	C(9)	1.404(2)
C(8)	C(13)	1.413(2)
C(1)	C(2)	1.401(2)
C(1)	C(6)	1.397(3)
C(2)	C(3)	1.385(3)
C(7)	C(14)	1.386(2)
C(9)	C(10)	1.385(2)
C(13)	C(12)	1.390(2)
C(6)	C(5)	1.389(3)
C(10)	C(11)	1.403(3)
C(3)	C(4)	1.389(3)
C(11)	C(12)	1.386(3)
C(5)	C(4)	1.385(3)

**Table 12:** Bond Angles in ° for **2a**.

Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°
N(1)	N(2)	C(7)	114.44(14)
N(2)	N(1)	C(1)	113.53(14)
C(14)	N(3)	C(13)	109.49(15)
C(9)	C(8)	C(7)	135.48(16)
C(9)	C(8)	C(13)	118.74(15)
C(13)	C(8)	C(7)	105.73(14)
C(2)	C(1)	N(1)	124.05(17)
C(6)	C(1)	N(1)	118.04(15)
C(6)	C(1)	C(2)	117.91(16)
C(3)	C(2)	C(1)	120.58(17)
N(2)	C(7)	C(8)	132.40(15)
N(2)	C(7)	C(14)	120.59(15)
C(14)	C(7)	C(8)	107.00(15)
C(10)	C(9)	C(8)	118.59(16)
N(3)	C(13)	C(8)	108.07(15)
C(12)	C(13)	N(3)	129.23(16)
C(12)	C(13)	C(8)	122.70(16)
N(3)	C(14)	C(7)	109.70(15)
C(1)	C(6)	Br(1)	121.04(13)
C(5)	C(6)	Br(1)	117.31(14)
C(5)	C(6)	C(1)	121.64(17)
C(9)	C(10)	C(11)	121.63(16)
C(2)	C(3)	C(4)	120.54(17)
C(12)	C(11)	C(10)	120.88(16)
C(11)	C(12)	C(13)	117.44(16)
C(4)	C(5)	C(6)	119.48(18)
C(5)	C(4)	C(3)	119.85(17)

**Table A13:** Torsion Angles in ° for **2a**.

Atom	Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°
Br(1)	C(6)	C(5)	C(4)	-
				178.20(15)
N(2)	N(1)	C(1)	C(2)	-5.5(2)
N(2)	N(1)	C(1)	C(6)	174.73(15)
N(2)	C(7)	C(14)	N(3)	179.77(15)
N(1)	N(2)	C(7)	C(8)	7.4(3)
N(1)	N(2)	C(7)	C(14)	-
				173.04(16)
N(1)	C(1)	C(2)	C(3)	-
				179.15(16)
N(1)	C(1)	C(6)	Br(1)	-2.5(2)
N(1)	C(1)	C(6)	C(5)	178.95(17)
N(3)	C(13)	C(12)	C(11)	-
				179.10(17)
C(8)	C(7)	C(14)	N(3)	-0.5(2)
C(8)	C(9)	C(10)	C(11)	-0.1(3)
C(8)	C(13)	C(12)	C(11)	0.4(3)
C(1)	C(2)	C(3)	C(4)	0.0(3)
C(1)	C(6)	C(5)	C(4)	0.4(3)

Atom	Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°
C(2)	C(1)	C(6)	Br(1)	177.76(13)
C(2)	C(1)	C(6)	C(5)	-0.8(3)
C(2)	C(3)	C(4)	C(5)	-0.4(3)
C(7)	N(2)	N(1)	C(1)	-
				178.99(14)
C(7)	C(8)	C(9)	C(10)	178.88(18)
C(7)	C(8)	C(13)	N(3)	-0.18(18)
C(7)	C(8)	C(13)	C(12)	-
				179.81(16)
C(9)	C(8)	C(7)	N(2)	2.5(3)
C(9)	C(8)	C(7)	C(14)	-
				177.14(19)
C(9)	C(8)	C(13)	N(3)	177.87(15)
C(9)	C(8)	C(13)	C(12)	-1.8(3)
C(9)	C(10)	C(11)	C(12)	-1.2(3)
C(13)	N(3)	C(14)	C(7)	0.4(2)
C(13)	C(8)	C(7)	N(2)	-
				179.92(18)
C(13)	C(8)	C(7)	C(14)	0.43(18)
C(13)	C(8)	C(9)	C(10)	1.6(2)
C(14)	N(3)	C(13)	C(8)	-0.1(2)
C(14)	N(3)	C(13)	C(12)	179.45(18)
C(6)	C(1)	C(2)	C(3)	0.6(3)
C(6)	C(5)	C(4)	C(3)	0.2(3)
C(10)	C(11)	C(12)	C(13)	1.0(3)

**Table A14:** Hydrogen Fractional Atomic Coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for **2a**.  $U_{eq}$  is defined as 1/3 of the trace of the orthogonalised  $U_{ij}$ .

Atom	x	y	z	$U_{eq}$
H(3)	1753	7325	5576	29
H(2)	4301	3827	3326	28
H(9)	4088	3947	6556	27
H(14)	2479	6416	4408	29
H(10)	3714	4369	7892	29
H(3A)	5198	2628	2446	33
H(11)	2584	5869	8231	30
H(12)	1831	7042	7231	29
H(5)	6255	665	4308	34
H(4)	6168	1040	2928	36

### Compound **3a**

**Experimental.** Single dull yellow needle-shaped crystals of **3a** were obtained by recrystallisation from chloroform/heptane. A suitable crystal ( $0.21 \times 0.05 \times 0.03$ ) mm<sup>3</sup> was selected and mounted on a MITIGEN holder with inert oil on a SuperNova, Single source at offset, Atlas diffractometer. The crystal was kept at  $T = 123.00(10)$  K during data collection. Using **Olex2**,<sup>3</sup> the structure was solved with the **ShelXT** structure solution program, using the Intrinsic Phasing solution method.<sup>5</sup> The model was refined with version 2016/6 of **ShelXL** using Least Squares minimisation.<sup>4</sup>

**Crystal Data.** C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O,  $M_r = 237.26$ , monoclinic, P2/c (No. 13),  $a = 13.1456(4) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $b = 5.1912(2) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c = 16.5884(5) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\beta = 90.411(2)^\circ$ ,  $\alpha = \gamma = 90^\circ$ ,  $V = 1131.99(7) \text{ \AA}^3$ ,  $T = 123.00(10) \text{ K}$ ,  $Z = 4$ ,  $Z' = 1$ ,  $m(\text{Cu K}\alpha) = 0.738$ , 10991 reflections measured, 2269 unique ( $R_{int} = 0.0314$ ) which were used in all calculations. The final  $wR_2$  was 0.1042 (all data) and  $R_1$  was 0.0368 ( $I > 2(I)$ ).

**Table A15:**

Formula	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O
$D_{calc.}/\text{g cm}^{-3}$	1.392
$m/\text{mm}^{-1}$	0.738
Formula Weight	237.26
Colour	dull yellow
Shape	needle
Size/ $\text{mm}^3$	0.21×0.05×0.03
$T/\text{K}$	123.00(10)
Crystal System	monoclinic
Space Group	P2/c
$a/\text{\AA}$	13.1456(4)
$b/\text{\AA}$	5.1912(2)
$c/\text{\AA}$	16.5884(5)
$\alpha/^\circ$	90
$\beta/^\circ$	90.411(2)
$\gamma/^\circ$	90
$V/\text{\AA}^3$	1131.99(7)
$Z$	4
$Z'$	1
Wavelength/ $\text{\AA}$	1.54184
Radiation type	Cu K $\alpha$
$Q_{min}/^\circ$	3.362
$Q_{max}/^\circ$	73.496
Measured Refl.	10991
Independent Refl.	2269
Reflections Used	1878
$R_{int}$	0.0314
Parameters	164
Restraints	0
Largest Peak	0.258
Deepest Hole	-0.204
GooF	1.048
$wR_2$ (all data)	0.1042
$wR_2$	0.0959
$R_1$ (all data)	0.0469
$R_1$	0.0368



**Figure A29:** Images of the crystal on the diffractometer.

**Table A16:** Fractional Atomic Coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for **3a**.  $U_{eq}$  is defined as 1/3 of the trace of the orthogonalised  $U_{ij}$ .

Atom	x	y	z	$U_{eq}$
O(1)	5261.7(7)	6316(2)	6317.3(6)	30.8(3)
N(1)	7307.6(8)	6769(2)	7059.9(6)	24.9(3)
N(2)	6599.2(8)	8280(2)	7297.8(6)	24.6(3)
N(3)	6755.6(9)	13445(2)	8693.6(7)	28.0(3)
C(7)	6905.3(10)	10052(3)	7875.3(8)	24.7(3)
C(1)	7021.3(10)	4987(3)	6462.3(7)	24.0(3)
C(8)	7886.3(10)	10472(3)	8255.8(7)	24.2(3)
C(14)	6254.1(10)	11902(3)	8165.4(8)	26.9(3)
C(9)	7756.2(10)	12625(3)	8763.1(8)	26.0(3)
C(2)	6048.8(10)	4772(3)	6102.9(8)	25.1(3)
C(3)	5877.7(10)	2898(3)	5515.9(8)	28.7(3)
C(6)	7789.6(10)	3292(3)	6223.2(8)	27.8(3)
C(4)	6654.1(11)	1254(3)	5285.7(8)	29.7(3)
C(13)	8838(1)	9273(3)	8224.8(8)	28.5(3)
C(10)	8539.7(11)	13603(3)	9243.3(8)	31.0(3)
C(5)	7615.8(11)	1441(3)	5641.7(9)	30.3(3)
C(12)	9617.5(11)	10236(3)	8703.8(9)	33.9(3)
C(11)	9468.0(11)	12367(3)	9204.7(9)	34.9(4)

**Table A17:** Anisotropic Displacement Parameters ( $\times 10^4$ ) **3a**. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form:  $-2p^2[h^2a^{*2} \times U_{11} + \dots + 2hka^{*2} \times b^{*2} \times U_{12}]$

Atom	$U_{11}$	$U_{22}$	$U_{33}$	$U_{23}$	$U_{13}$	$U_{12}$
O(1)	24.7(5)	33.1(6)	34.6(5)	-8.7(4)	-3.5(4)	0.7(4)
N(1)	26.2(6)	27.0(6)	21.5(5)	0.5(4)	-1.1(4)	-1.8(4)
N(2)	25.9(6)	26.6(6)	21.3(5)	1.0(4)	-0.5(4)	-1.8(4)
N(3)	31.9(6)	26.8(6)	25.4(6)	-2.2(5)	1.4(5)	2.1(5)
C(7)	26.4(6)	27.1(7)	20.5(6)	1.8(5)	-0.7(5)	-1.2(5)
C(1)	26.2(6)	25.7(7)	20.2(6)	2.5(5)	0.4(5)	-3.5(5)
C(8)	26.7(7)	25.3(7)	20.6(6)	0.8(5)	-0.2(5)	-4.3(5)
C(14)	27.4(7)	30.4(8)	23.0(6)	2.3(5)	-1.5(5)	0.7(5)
C(9)	29.7(7)	26.2(7)	22.2(6)	3.6(5)	1.7(5)	-2.2(5)
C(2)	24.7(6)	26.4(7)	24.3(6)	1.6(5)	0.9(5)	-1.9(5)
C(3)	27.4(7)	31.5(8)	27.2(7)	-1.4(6)	-2.4(5)	-5.3(5)
C(6)	24.8(7)	32.1(8)	26.7(6)	1.8(6)	0.3(5)	-1.0(5)
C(4)	35.3(7)	28.3(8)	25.6(6)	-3.9(6)	2.6(5)	-5.4(6)
C(13)	28.5(7)	29.8(8)	27.1(7)	-2.1(6)	0.8(5)	-2.1(5)
C(10)	36.2(8)	30.0(8)	26.9(7)	-3.3(6)	1.1(6)	-7.5(6)

Atom	$U_{11}$	$U_{22}$	$U_{33}$	$U_{23}$	$U_{13}$	$U_{12}$
C(5)	29.7(7)	31.0(8)	30.3(7)	-1.4(6)	4.2(5)	2.3(6)
C(12)	25.6(7)	41.5(9)	34.7(7)	-3.7(6)	-1.6(6)	-1.7(6)
C(11)	30.8(7)	42.2(9)	31.6(7)	-4.2(7)	-4.6(6)	-9.9(6)

**Table A18:** Bond Lengths in Å for **3a**.

Atom	Atom	Length/Å
O(1)	C(2)	1.3580(17)
N(1)	N(2)	1.2819(16)
N(1)	C(1)	1.4055(17)
N(2)	C(7)	1.3857(17)
N(3)	C(14)	1.3548(18)
N(3)	C(9)	1.3865(18)
C(7)	C(8)	1.4482(18)
C(7)	C(14)	1.3758(19)
C(1)	C(2)	1.4112(19)
C(1)	C(6)	1.3992(19)
C(8)	C(9)	1.410(2)
C(8)	C(13)	1.399(2)
C(9)	C(10)	1.393(2)
C(2)	C(3)	1.394(2)
C(3)	C(4)	1.386(2)
C(6)	C(5)	1.379(2)
C(4)	C(5)	1.395(2)
C(13)	C(12)	1.386(2)
C(10)	C(11)	1.380(2)
C(12)	C(11)	1.398(2)

**Table A19:** Bond Angles in ° for **3a**.

Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°
N(2)	N(1)	C(1)	115.38(11)
N(1)	N(2)	C(7)	114.27(11)
C(14)	N(3)	C(9)	109.23(12)
N(2)	C(7)	C(8)	130.87(12)
C(14)	C(7)	N(2)	121.80(12)
C(14)	C(7)	C(8)	107.28(12)
N(1)	C(1)	C(2)	125.95(12)
C(6)	C(1)	N(1)	115.09(11)
C(6)	C(1)	C(2)	118.96(13)
C(9)	C(8)	C(7)	105.53(12)
C(13)	C(8)	C(7)	135.32(13)
C(13)	C(8)	C(9)	119.14(12)
N(3)	C(14)	C(7)	109.74(12)
N(3)	C(9)	C(8)	108.22(12)
N(3)	C(9)	C(10)	129.25(14)
C(10)	C(9)	C(8)	122.52(13)
O(1)	C(2)	C(1)	122.17(12)
O(1)	C(2)	C(3)	118.39(12)
C(3)	C(2)	C(1)	119.44(13)
C(4)	C(3)	C(2)	120.46(13)
C(5)	C(6)	C(1)	121.34(13)
C(3)	C(4)	C(5)	120.49(13)
C(12)	C(13)	C(8)	118.45(14)
C(11)	C(10)	C(9)	117.01(14)
C(6)	C(5)	C(4)	119.32(13)
C(13)	C(12)	C(11)	121.32(14)
C(10)	C(11)	C(12)	121.56(13)

**Table A20:** Hydrogen Fractional Atomic Coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for **3a**.  $U_{eq}$  is defined as 1/3 of the trace of the orthogonalised  $U_{ij}$ .

Atom	x	y	z	$U_{eq}$
H(1)	5460.84	7383.85	6646.65	46
H(3)	6494.62	14729.87	8945.8	34
H(14)	5572.43	12068.95	8020.69	32
H(3A)	5238.25	2749.41	5276.99	34
H(6)	8430.5	3414.91	6461.14	33
H(4)	6532.87	17.26	4890.9	36
H(13)	8945.1	7861.85	7890.56	34
H(10)	8441.71	15024.28	9575.1	37
H(5)	8134.41	329.34	5488.49	36
H(12)	10252.88	9449.87	8691.98	41
H(11)	10006.55	12966.23	9519.19	42



### Compound **4a**

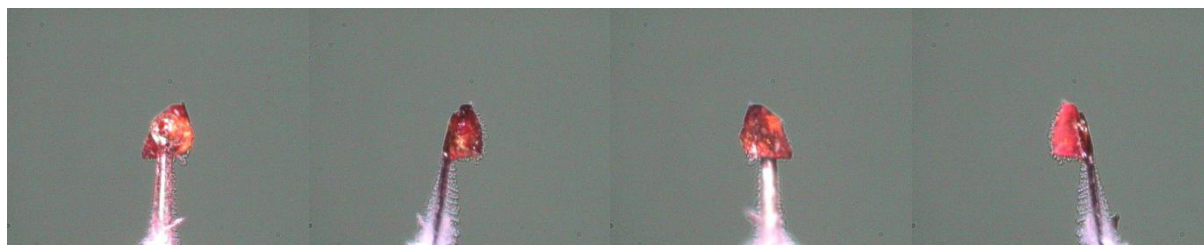
**Experimental.** Single clear intense brown prism-shaped crystals of (**Q152**) were obtained by recrystallisation from .... A suitable crystal (0.23×0.20×0.14) mm<sup>3</sup> was selected and mounted on a MITIGEN holder oil on a SuperNova, Single source at offset, Atlas diffractometer. The crystal was kept at  $T = 122.99(10)$  K during data collection. Using **Olex2**,<sup>3</sup> the structure was solved with the **ShelXT** structure solution program, using the Intrinsic Phasing solution method.<sup>4</sup> The model was refined with version 2016/6 of **ShelXL** using Least Squares minimisation.<sup>5</sup>

**Crystal Data.** C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>,  $M_r = 239.25$ , triclinic,  $P-1$  (No. 2),  $a = 7.4944(3)$  Å,  $b = 11.0027(4)$  Å,  $c = 14.0513(5)$  Å,  $\alpha = 91.900(3)^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 90.732(3)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 101.377(3)^\circ$ ,  $V = 1135.04(7)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $T = 122.99(10)$  K,  $Z = 4$ ,  $Z' = 2$ ,  $m(\text{CuK}\alpha) = 0.804$ , 27447 reflections measured, 4724 unique ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0528$ ) which were used in all calculations. The final  $wR_2$  was 0.1177 (all data) and  $R_1$  was 0.0410 ( $I > 2(I)$ ).

**Table A21:**

Formula	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>10</sub> FN <sub>3</sub>
$D_{\text{calc.}} / \text{g cm}^{-3}$	1.4
$m / \text{mm}^{-1}$	0.804
Formula Weight	239.25
Colour	clear intense brown
Shape	prism
Size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.23×0.20×0.14
$T/\text{K}$	122.99(10)
Crystal System	triclinic
Space Group	$P-1$
$a/\text{\AA}$	7.4944(3)
$b/\text{\AA}$	11.0027(4)
$c/\text{\AA}$	14.0513(5)
$\alpha/^\circ$	91.900(3)
$\beta/^\circ$	90.732(3)
$\gamma/^\circ$	101.377(3)
$V/\text{\AA}^3$	1135.04(7)
$Z$	4
$Z'$	2
Wavelength/Å	1.54184
Radiation type	CuK $\alpha$
$Q_{\text{min}}/^\circ$	4.101
$Q_{\text{max}}/^\circ$	76.55
Measured Refl.	27447
Independent Refl.	4724
Reflections Used	4186
$R_{\text{int}}$	0.0528
Parameters	325
Restraints	0
Largest Peak	0.243

Deepest Hole	-0.242
GooF	1.065
$wR_2$ (all data)	0.1177
$wR_2$	0.1126
$R_I$ (all data)	0.0468
$R_I$	0.041



**Figure A30:** Images of the crystal on the diffractometer.

**Table A22:** Fractional Atomic Coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for **4a**.  $U_{eq}$  is defined as 1/3 of the trace of the orthogonalised  $U_{ij}$ .

Atom	x	y	z	$U_{eq}$
F1	3699.1(12)	1750.9(9)	-86.2(7)	41.2(2)
F2	7007.5(12)	10128.6(9)	2334.1(7)	41.9(2)
N4	8273.4(14)	8967.8(10)	3777.8(8)	25.6(2)
N1	5447.2(14)	3904.4(10)	795.9(8)	26.2(2)
N3	5324.7(14)	7268.7(10)	2639.1(8)	27.9(2)
N2	6412.1(14)	4933.7(10)	1080.3(8)	26.0(2)
N5	8996.1(14)	8189.3(10)	4212.9(8)	26.8(2)
N6	7047.2(17)	5921.3(11)	5820.5(9)	33.6(3)
C8	3664.3(16)	5496.1(11)	1974.4(9)	23.8(2)
C9	3609.0(16)	6521.2(11)	2597.8(9)	25.1(3)
C7	5519.1(16)	5659.6(12)	1654.6(9)	24.6(2)
C22	6042.0(16)	7507.7(12)	5148.7(9)	25.1(3)
C13	2067.0(17)	4614.5(12)	1790.0(9)	26.4(3)
C1	6460.4(17)	3178.6(12)	241.3(9)	25.9(3)
C14	6455.2(17)	6752.2(12)	2079.6(9)	27.2(3)
C23	4831.9(18)	8306.5(12)	5028.8(9)	27.8(3)
C12	494.5(17)	4762.9(13)	2248.7(9)	28.6(3)
C15	9533.9(18)	9764.8(12)	3213.0(9)	26.9(3)
C21	7841.9(17)	7445.4(12)	4809.0(9)	26.6(3)
C27	5618.0(18)	6539.2(12)	5793.5(9)	28.9(3)
C2	8341.6(18)	3493.0(13)	107.2(9)	28.2(3)
C10	2027.9(17)	6674.9(12)	3061.9(9)	28.1(3)
C11	481.6(17)	5775.7(13)	2881.8(10)	29.2(3)
C16	11423.8(18)	10025.9(12)	3366(1)	29.8(3)
C28	8378.7(19)	6468.6(13)	5248.2(10)	31.9(3)
C3	9233.6(19)	2722.0(14)	-422.5(10)	33.0(3)
C6	5524.0(19)	2071.6(13)	-186.7(10)	31.0(3)
C24	3255.7(18)	8129.3(14)	5551.8(10)	33.0(3)
C20	8833.8(19)	10361.8(13)	2483.1(10)	31.5(3)
C26	4028.3(19)	6354.8(14)	6318.1(10)	33.9(3)
C5	6385(2)	1289.8(14)	-720.9(11)	37.6(3)

Atom	x	y	z	$U_{eq}$
C25	2862.1(19)	7165.1(15)	6190.7(10)	36.1(3)
C17	12544(2)	10827.6(13)	2787.9(11)	35.5(3)
C19	9927(2)	11160.2(14)	1896.5(11)	38.5(3)
C4	8256(2)	1618.4(15)	-834.1(10)	38.0(3)
C18	11799(2)	11389.9(13)	2052.7(11)	38.6(3)

**Table A23:** Anisotropic Displacement Parameters ( $\times 10^4$ ) **4a**. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form:  $-2p^2[h^2a^{*2} \times U_{11} + \dots + 2hka^* \times b^* \times U_{12}]$

Atom	$U_{11}$	$U_{22}$	$U_{33}$	$U_{23}$	$U_{13}$	$U_{12}$
F1	34.4(4)	39.3(5)	45.4(5)	-5.9(4)	9.6(4)	-3.3(4)
F2	36.0(5)	44.9(5)	46.7(5)	10.8(4)	-1.5(4)	11.8(4)
N4	24.6(5)	24.0(5)	28.0(5)	0.3(4)	3.6(4)	4.6(4)
N1	26.3(5)	27.6(5)	25.8(5)	1.0(4)	3.8(4)	7.7(4)
N3	24.6(5)	25.0(5)	33.7(6)	-3.6(4)	3.3(4)	4.4(4)
N2	25.1(5)	27.9(5)	26.7(5)	0.9(4)	2.6(4)	8.9(4)
N5	25.4(5)	26.3(5)	28.7(5)	1.1(4)	3.6(4)	5.3(4)
N6	33.8(6)	30.8(6)	37.3(6)	10.2(5)	2.5(5)	7.5(5)
C8	23.1(6)	24.7(6)	25.3(5)	2.6(4)	2.2(4)	8.5(4)
C9	23.4(6)	24.2(6)	28.4(6)	1.7(5)	1.7(5)	6.4(5)
C7	22.4(6)	26.2(6)	26.6(6)	1.8(5)	2.5(4)	7.9(4)
C22	23.2(6)	25.9(6)	25.2(6)	0.6(5)	1.8(4)	2.7(4)
C13	26.1(6)	26.3(6)	27.1(6)	1.2(5)	1.3(5)	5.7(5)
C1	29.2(6)	27.3(6)	22.9(5)	2.4(5)	4.3(5)	9.2(5)
C14	21.7(5)	28.9(6)	31.4(6)	1.1(5)	3.1(5)	5.8(5)
C23	27.1(6)	29.1(6)	27.5(6)	1.9(5)	3.3(5)	5.8(5)
C12	23.0(6)	31.2(6)	31.0(6)	4.0(5)	0.7(5)	3.5(5)
C15	28.9(6)	22.9(6)	28.4(6)	-1.9(5)	7.3(5)	4.0(5)
C21	23.7(6)	26.7(6)	29.3(6)	0.6(5)	2.6(5)	5.3(5)
C27	28.4(6)	28.1(6)	29.1(6)	3.5(5)	-0.2(5)	2.6(5)
C2	28.7(6)	31.5(6)	25.5(6)	0.4(5)	2.9(5)	8.4(5)
C10	27.3(6)	28.1(6)	30.9(6)	0.6(5)	3.8(5)	10.3(5)
C11	23.2(6)	34.8(7)	31.5(6)	3.9(5)	5.1(5)	9.8(5)
C16	28.5(6)	27.8(6)	32.4(6)	-1.4(5)	5.5(5)	4.1(5)
C28	28.4(6)	33.4(7)	35.6(7)	5.1(5)	2.6(5)	9.8(5)
C3	31.9(7)	42.4(8)	27.6(6)	1.8(5)	5.9(5)	14.4(6)
C6	32.0(7)	30.8(7)	29.6(6)	2.2(5)	7.2(5)	4.2(5)
C24	27.1(6)	39.7(7)	33.8(7)	2.3(6)	4.1(5)	10.1(5)
C20	31.8(6)	28.7(6)	34.9(7)	0.4(5)	5.9(5)	7.8(5)
C26	30.4(7)	36.5(7)	32.8(7)	8.9(5)	3.1(5)	0.4(5)
C5	48.3(8)	29.7(7)	34.0(7)	-4.1(5)	7.4(6)	6.0(6)
C25	25.9(6)	45.8(8)	35.3(7)	5.2(6)	7.5(5)	3.1(6)
C17	33.0(7)	30.0(7)	40.8(7)	-4.6(6)	11.4(6)	-0.3(5)
C19	52.2(9)	30.5(7)	35.4(7)	7.6(6)	10.1(6)	13.0(6)
C4	47.2(8)	38.6(8)	32.1(7)	-2.9(6)	11.3(6)	17.5(6)
C18	45.2(8)	28.4(7)	41.3(8)	2.8(6)	19.0(6)	4.0(6)

**Table A24:** Bond Lengths in Å for **4a**.

Atom	Atom	Length/Å	Atom	Atom	Length/Å
F1	C6	1.3538(16)	N4	N5	1.2689(17)
F2	C20	1.3542(17)	N4	C15	1.4247(16)

Atom	Atom	Length/Å
N1	N2	1.2668(16)
N1	C1	1.4264(15)
N3	C9	1.3824(16)
N3	C14	1.3551(16)
N2	C7	1.3852(16)
N5	C21	1.3800(17)
N6	C27	1.3780(19)
N6	C28	1.3493(18)
C8	C9	1.4125(17)
C8	C7	1.4454(16)
C8	C13	1.3994(17)
C9	C10	1.3962(17)
C7	C14	1.3794(18)
C22	C23	1.3941(19)
C22	C21	1.4502(17)
C22	C27	1.4125(18)
C13	C12	1.3853(18)
C1	C2	1.4005(18)

Atom	Atom	Length/Å
C1	C6	1.3933(19)
C23	C24	1.3835(18)
C12	C11	1.4043(19)
C15	C16	1.4009(19)
C15	C20	1.388(2)
C21	C28	1.381(2)
C27	C26	1.3931(19)
C2	C3	1.3839(18)
C10	C11	1.3818(19)
C16	C17	1.3839(19)
C3	C4	1.392(2)
C6	C5	1.3813(19)
C24	C25	1.402(2)
C20	C19	1.380(2)
C26	C25	1.380(2)
C5	C4	1.390(2)
C17	C18	1.387(2)
C19	C18	1.389(2)

**Table A25:** Bond Angles in ° for **4a**.

Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°
N5	N4	C15	112.82(11)
N2	N1	C1	112.08(10)
C14	N3	C9	109.26(10)
N1	N2	C7	114.71(10)
N4	N5	C21	114.54(11)
C28	N6	C27	109.71(12)
C9	C8	C7	105.93(10)
C13	C8	C9	119.12(11)
C13	C8	C7	134.94(11)
N3	C9	C8	108.06(10)
N3	C9	C10	129.41(12)
C10	C9	C8	122.53(12)
N2	C7	C8	132.61(11)
C14	C7	N2	120.52(11)
C14	C7	C8	106.80(10)
C23	C22	C21	135.36(12)
C23	C22	C27	119.15(12)
C27	C22	C21	105.32(12)
C12	C13	C8	118.55(12)
C2	C1	N1	124.49(12)
C6	C1	N1	117.96(11)
C6	C1	C2	117.54(12)
N3	C14	C7	109.94(11)
C24	C23	C22	118.81(13)
C13	C12	C11	121.31(12)
C16	C15	N4	124.61(13)
C20	C15	N4	117.63(12)
C20	C15	C16	117.70(12)
N5	C21	C22	131.85(12)

Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°
N5	C21	C28	120.93(12)
C28	C21	C22	107.12(12)
N6	C27	C22	108.28(11)
N6	C27	C26	129.45(13)
C26	C27	C22	122.19(13)
C3	C2	C1	120.99(13)
C11	C10	C9	117.03(12)
C10	C11	C12	121.43(12)
C17	C16	C15	120.62(14)
N6	C28	C21	109.54(12)
C2	C3	C4	119.91(13)
F1	C6	C1	119.08(12)
F1	C6	C5	118.45(13)
C5	C6	C1	122.47(13)
C23	C24	C25	121.19(14)
F2	C20	C15	118.33(12)
F2	C20	C19	119.11(14)
C19	C20	C15	122.55(14)
C25	C26	C27	117.43(13)
C6	C5	C4	118.78(13)
C26	C25	C24	121.23(13)
C16	C17	C18	120.12(14)
C20	C19	C18	118.69(15)
C5	C4	C3	120.31(13)
C17	C18	C19	120.30(13)

**Table A26:** Hydrogen Fractional Atomic Coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for **4a**.  $U_{eq}$  is defined as 1/3 of the trace of the orthogonalised  $U_{ij}$ .

Atom	x	y	z	$U_{eq}$
H3	5627.01	7953.54	2968.05	33
H6	7084.78	5283.37	6152.01	40
H13	2061.16	3943.61	1368.79	32
H14	7680.75	7085.05	1994.64	33
H23	5079.63	8946.96	4604.94	33
H12	-573.75	4180.23	2135.06	34
H2	9001.18	4230.94	378.24	34
H10	2016.03	7352.24	3473.98	34
H11	-590.92	5842.71	3186.53	35
H16	11930.57	9657.16	3860.8	36
H28	9487.56	6225.26	5162.8	38
H3A	10484.3	2941.02	-503.26	40
H24	2442.72	8659.48	5478.19	40
H26	3763.19	5710.61	6737.81	41
H5	5724.5	557.18	-999.75	45
H25	1795.15	7069.6	6535.24	43
H17	13797.61	10989.66	2892.38	43
H19	9420.95	11537.04	1406.28	46
H4	8858.29	1098.27	-1186.59	46
H18	12557.44	11922.98	1662.65	46

### Compound **8a'**

**Experimental.** Single clear orange prism-shaped crystals of **8a'** were obtained by recrystallisation from chloroform/heptane. A suitable crystal ( $0.28 \times 0.12 \times 0.11$ ) mm<sup>3</sup> was selected and mounted on a MITIGEN holder oil on a SuperNova, Single source at offset, Atlas diffractometer. The crystal was kept at  $T = 296.95(10)$  K during data collection. Using **Olex2**,<sup>3</sup> the structure was solved with the **ShelXT** structure solution program, using the Intrinsic Phasing solution method.<sup>4</sup> The model was refined with version 2016/6 of **ShelXL** using Least Squares minimisation.<sup>5</sup>

**Crystal Data.** C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>,  $M_r = 169.19$ , monoclinic, C2/c (No. 15),  $a = 9.5514(3)$  Å,  $b = 9.5468(2)$  Å,  $c = 17.8087(5)$  Å,  $\beta = 105.517(3)^\circ$ ,  $\alpha = \gamma = 90^\circ$ ,  $V = 1564.70(8)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $T = 296.95(10)$  K,  $Z = 8$ ,  $Z' = 1$ ,  $\mu$  (CuK $\alpha$ ) = 0.727, 14499 reflections measured, 1590 unique ( $R_{int} = 0.0270$ ) which were used in all calculations. The final  $wR_2$  was 0.1093 (all data) and  $R_1$  was 0.0473 ( $I > 2(I)$ ).

**Table A27:**

Formula	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>7</sub> N <sub>3</sub>
$D_{calc}/\text{g cm}^{-3}$	1.436
$m/\text{mm}^{-1}$	0.727
Formula Weight	169.19
Colour	clear orange
Shape	prism
Size/mm <sup>3</sup>	$0.28 \times 0.12 \times 0.11$
T/K	296.95(10)

Crystal System	monoclinic
Hooft Parameter	0.4(2)
Space Group	C2/c
$a/\text{\AA}$	9.5514(3)
$b/\text{\AA}$	9.5468(2)
$c/\text{\AA}$	17.8087(5)
$a/^\circ$	90
$b/^\circ$	105.517(3)
$g/^\circ$	90
$V/\text{\AA}^3$	1564.70(8)
$Z$	8
$Z'$	1
Wavelength/ $\text{\AA}$	1.54184
Radiation type	CuK $_{\alpha}$
$Q_{min}/^\circ$	5.155
$Q_{max}/^\circ$	73.833
Measured Refl.	14499
Independent Refl.	1590
Reflections Used	1524
$R_{int}$	0.027
Parameters	182
Restraints	0
Largest Peak	0.174
Deepest Hole	-0.262
GooF	1.201
$wR_2$ (all data)	0.1093
$wR_2$	0.1086
$R_I$ (all data)	0.0486
$R_I$	0.0473



**Figure A31:** Images of the crystal on the diffractometer.

**Table A28:** Bond Angles in  $^\circ$  for **8a'**.

Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/ $^\circ$
C002	N001	C003	125.49(14)
C004	N001	C002	125.89(14)
C004	N001	C003	108.62(13)
N001	C002	C009	107.8(2)

Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°
N001	C002	C00A	107.1(2)
C1	C002	N001	132.1(2)
C1	C002	C009	120.1(3)
C4	C002	N001	132.9(3)
C4	C002	C00A	120.0(3)
N001	C003	C006	107.87(14)
N00B	C003	N001	122.38(18)
N00B	C003	C006	129.76(18)
N001	C004	C005	108.01(14)
N00C	C004	N001	122.36(18)
N00C	C004	C005	129.63(19)
C004	C005	C006	107.75(15)
C003	C006	C005	107.75(15)
C1	C007	C3	120.4(7)
C4	C008	C1AA	120.0(7)
N00D	C009	C002	123.6(3)
C0AA	C009	C002	118.0(3)
C0AA	C009	N00D	118.4(4)
N00E	C00A	C002	124.1(4)
N00E	C00A	C2	118.4(4)
C2	C00A	C002	117.5(4)
C003	N00B	N00D	120.9(2)
C004	N00C	N00E	120.7(2)
N00B	N00D	C009	119.9(3)
N00C	N00E	C00A	119.9(3)
C002	C1	C007	121.0(5)
C1AA	C2	C00A	120.1(4)
C002	C4	C008	121.9(5)
C3	C0AA	C009	119.9(4)
C2	C1AA	C008	120.5(5)
C0AA	C3	C007	120.6(5)

**Table A29:** Hydrogen Fractional Atomic Coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for **8a'**.  $U_{eq}$  is defined as 1/3 of the trace of the orthogonalised  $U_{ij}$ .

Atom	x	y	z	$U_{eq}$
H003	4540.47	2268.13	3619.5	27
H004	1578.23	5233.93	3620.14	27
H005	1449.38	4672.87	2242.9	31
H006	3290.21	2830.12	2241.7	31
H007	3394.28	4800.84	6387.54	28
H008	5497.87	2699.84	6384.4	27
H1	2405.29	5136.64	5073.54	28
H2	2347.02	5640.42	5962.46	29
H4	5164.65	2373.98	5076.38	28
H0AA	6117.08	1868.52	5960.98	31
H1AA	4082.82	4332.36	6834.25	30
H3	5241.68	3161.46	6832.56	31

**Table A30:** Atomic Occupancies for all atoms that are not fully occupied in **8a'**.

Atom	Occupancy
H003	0.486(2)
H004	0.514(2)
C007	0.514(2)
H007	0.514(2)
C008	0.486(2)
H008	0.486(2)
C009	0.514(2)
C00A	0.486(2)
N00B	0.514(2)
N00C	0.486(2)
N00D	0.514(2)
N00E	0.486(2)
C1	0.514(2)
H1	0.514(2)
C2	0.486(2)
H2	0.486(2)
C4	0.486(2)
H4	0.486(2)
C0AA	0.514(2)
H0AA	0.514(2)
C1AA	0.486(2)
H1AA	0.486(2)
C3	0.514(2)
H3	0.514(2)

*Compound 8a''*

**Experimental.** Single clear intense brown prism-shaped crystals of **8a''** were obtained by recrystallisation from chloroform/methanol/heptane. A suitable crystal (0.42×0.19×0.12) mm<sup>3</sup> was selected and mounted on a MITIGEN holder oil on a GV1000, TitanS2 diffractometer. The crystal was kept at  $T = 123.0(2)$  K during data collection. Using **Olex2**,<sup>3</sup> the structure was solved with the **ShelXT** structure solution program, using the Intrinsic Phasing solution method.<sup>4</sup> The model was refined with version 2016/6 of **ShelXL** using Least Squares minimisation.<sup>5</sup>

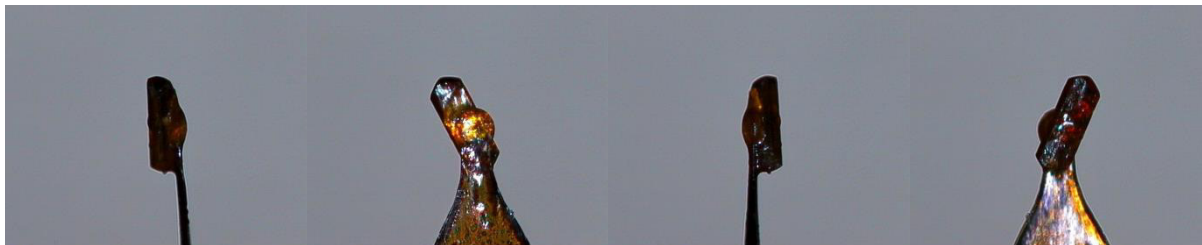
**Crystal Data.** C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>4</sub>,  $M_r = 284.32$ , monoclinic, P2<sub>1</sub>/n (No. 14),  $a = 14.4932(3)$  Å,  $b = 10.3321(2)$  Å,  $c = 19.1214(4)$  Å,  $\beta = 108.602(2)^\circ$ ,  $\alpha = \gamma = 90^\circ$ ,  $V = 2713.75(10)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $T = 123.0(2)$  K,  $Z = 8$ ,  $Z' = 2$ ,  $\mu$  (CuK $\alpha$ ) = 0.683, 66316 reflections measured, 5432 unique ( $R_{int} = 0.0802$ ) which were used in all calculations. The final  $wR_2$  was 0.1131 (all data) and  $R_1$  was 0.0401 ( $I > 2(I)$ ).

**Table A31:**

Formula	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>4</sub>
$D_{calc.}/\text{g cm}^{-3}$	1.392
$m/\text{mm}^{-1}$	0.683
Formula Weight	284.32
Colour	clear intense brown
Shape	prism
Size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.42×0.19×0.12



$T/K$	123.0(2)
Crystal System	monoclinic
Space Group	$P2_1/n$
$a/\text{\AA}$	14.4932(3)
$b/\text{\AA}$	10.3321(2)
$c/\text{\AA}$	19.1214(4)
$a/^\circ$	90
$b/^\circ$	108.602(2)
$g/^\circ$	90
$V/\text{\AA}^3$	2713.75(10)
$Z$	8
$Z'$	2
Wavelength/ $\text{\AA}$	1.54184
Radiation type	$\text{CuK}_\alpha$
$Q_{\min}/^\circ$	3.361
$Q_{\max}/^\circ$	73.966
Measured Refl.	66316
Independent Refl.	5432
Reflections Used	4822
$R_{\text{int}}$	0.0802
Parameters	397
Restraints	0
Largest Peak	0.199
Deepest Hole	-0.326
GooF	1.05
$wR_2$ (all data)	0.1131
$wR_2$	0.1084
$R_1$ (all data)	0.0444
$R_1$	0.0401



**Figure 32:** Images of the crystal of the diffractometer.

**Table A32:** Fractional Atomic Coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for **8a''**.  $U_{eq}$  is defined as 1/3 of the trace of the orthogonalised  $U_{ij}$ .

Atom	x	y	z	$U_{eq}$
N(6)	4915.7(7)	2364.8(9)	3468.6(5)	25.3(2)
N(2)	7526.8(7)	4907.4(9)	4024.8(5)	26.0(2)

Atom	x	y	z	$U_{eq}$
N(5)	4770.5(7)	6909.7(10)	3172.6(6)	33.0(2)
N(7)	5056.0(7)	126.5(10)	3881.4(6)	33.2(2)
N(8)	5031.6(8)	-275(1)	3231.9(6)	34.3(2)
N(3)	7330.2(8)	2686.8(10)	3581.7(6)	35.5(2)
N(4)	7407.7(8)	2257.3(10)	4238.9(6)	36.6(3)
N(1)	7721.3(8)	9442.2(10)	4360.5(7)	40.2(3)
C(19)	4980.7(8)	1974.9(11)	2787.2(6)	25.4(2)
C(1)	7489.3(8)	4493.1(11)	4711.4(6)	26.4(2)
C(29)	4667.8(8)	4788.6(11)	3389.6(6)	26.8(2)
C(10)	7561.4(8)	6108.3(11)	3719.8(6)	27.7(2)
C(31)	3974.1(8)	6463.2(11)	2620.5(7)	29.7(3)
C(25)	5010.2(8)	1401.0(11)	4011.3(7)	29.2(3)
C(30)	3877.7(8)	5130.6(11)	2740.1(6)	26.9(2)
C(28)	4844.3(8)	3548.4(11)	3777.5(6)	27.7(2)
C(20)	5005.1(8)	626.2(12)	2685.4(7)	29.8(3)
C(11)	7786.5(8)	7323.6(11)	4125.3(6)	28.3(2)
C(24)	5051.0(8)	2810.1(12)	2232.6(6)	29.7(3)
C(12)	8601.5(8)	7639.4(12)	4764.2(6)	29.3(3)
C(2)	7434.6(8)	5313.8(12)	5276.6(6)	30.0(3)
C(36)	5175.2(9)	5912.5(11)	3631.9(7)	29.6(3)
C(7)	7359.2(9)	3968.2(12)	3460.9(7)	30.4(3)
C(6)	7462.4(9)	3141.7(12)	4800.9(7)	31.5(3)
C(13)	8528.6(9)	8974.0(12)	4895.4(7)	34.9(3)
C(35)	3085.7(9)	4457.9(13)	2267.1(7)	33.5(3)
C(17)	9392.0(9)	6946.9(14)	5226.3(7)	36.1(3)
C(9)	7398.6(9)	5912.7(13)	2967.7(7)	34.4(3)
C(26)	5010.2(9)	1999.2(12)	4658.7(7)	34.8(3)
C(18)	7286.2(9)	8462.2(12)	3903.6(7)	33.9(3)
C(23)	5113.5(9)	2302.9(13)	1583.6(7)	35.0(3)
C(27)	4908(1)	3312.4(12)	4508.7(7)	34.8(3)
C(32)	3324.6(9)	7125.9(13)	2033.7(8)	38.3(3)
C(3)	7374.8(9)	4785.6(13)	5923.6(7)	35.2(3)
C(8)	7271.8(9)	4606.5(13)	2807.1(7)	35.9(3)
C(21)	5046.4(9)	141.3(13)	2013.5(8)	37.8(3)
C(5)	7430.3(10)	2638.7(13)	5472.9(8)	39.9(3)
C(34)	2433.4(9)	5117.8(14)	1694.8(8)	39.7(3)
C(4)	7385.3(10)	3452.3(14)	6028.1(8)	40.2(3)
C(22)	5098(1)	970.9(14)	1467.9(8)	39.9(3)
C(33)	2556.9(10)	6434.3(15)	1574.8(8)	43.0(3)
C(16)	10067.3(10)	7590.1(16)	5793.5(8)	45.3(3)
C(14)	9200.5(11)	9616.8(15)	5476.5(9)	48.8(4)
C(15)	9968.6(12)	8904.4(17)	5921.3(9)	52.4(4)

**Table A33:** Anisotropic Displacement Parameters ( $\times 10^4$ ) **8a''**. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form:  $-2\pi^2 [h^2 a^{*2} \times U_{11} + \dots + 2hka^* \times b^* \times U_{12}]$

Atom	$U_{11}$	$U_{22}$	$U_{33}$	$U_{23}$	$U_{13}$	$U_{12}$
N(6)	29.5(5)	19.2(5)	27.1(5)	1.7(4)	8.9(4)	0.0(4)
N(2)	30.2(5)	21.3(5)	27.5(5)	-0.5(4)	10.5(4)	1.7(4)
N(5)	36.5(5)	17.7(5)	44.8(6)	0.6(4)	12.8(4)	-2.2(4)
N(7)	36.9(5)	21.6(5)	40.7(6)	4.3(4)	11.9(4)	1.6(4)
N(8)	39.1(6)	20.7(5)	44.8(6)	1.1(4)	15.7(5)	0.6(4)

Atom	$U_{11}$	$U_{22}$	$U_{33}$	$U_{23}$	$U_{13}$	$U_{12}$
N(3)	38.7(6)	25.3(5)	43.7(6)	-4.8(5)	14.9(5)	-0.2(4)
N(4)	41.8(6)	22.8(5)	47.2(6)	1.1(5)	16.9(5)	2.2(4)
N(1)	45.8(6)	20.0(5)	53.4(7)	0.7(5)	13.8(5)	2.7(4)
C(19)	24.8(5)	22.4(6)	29.4(6)	-1.1(4)	9.0(4)	0.8(4)
C(1)	26.5(5)	24.1(6)	30.0(6)	2.6(5)	10.9(4)	0.5(4)
C(29)	33.4(6)	19.8(5)	29.7(6)	-0.3(4)	13.5(5)	0.6(4)
C(10)	30.4(5)	22.6(6)	31.2(6)	3.3(5)	11.5(4)	1.6(4)
C(31)	32.1(6)	23.4(6)	37.1(6)	1.1(5)	16.3(5)	2.6(4)
C(25)	32.1(6)	22.4(6)	31.8(6)	6.4(5)	8.5(5)	-0.7(4)
C(30)	31.4(6)	22.6(6)	30.5(6)	-1.3(4)	15.1(5)	1.7(4)
C(28)	33.5(6)	20.6(6)	30.0(6)	-1.4(4)	11.4(5)	-1.4(4)
C(20)	28.5(5)	22.6(6)	39.3(6)	-1.5(5)	12.3(5)	0.0(4)
C(11)	31.7(6)	23.7(6)	31.6(6)	2.7(5)	13.0(5)	0.0(4)
C(24)	32.7(6)	25.1(6)	33.4(6)	1.9(5)	13.4(5)	3.4(4)
C(12)	32.2(6)	27.4(6)	31.8(6)	2.9(5)	14.8(5)	-1.9(5)
C(2)	32.3(6)	27.8(6)	32.2(6)	-0.3(5)	13.4(5)	-1.5(5)
C(36)	33.3(6)	22.9(6)	33.4(6)	-1.3(5)	11.5(5)	-0.2(4)
C(7)	32.6(6)	25.5(6)	33.8(6)	-5.1(5)	11.6(5)	0.7(5)
C(6)	31.8(6)	24.3(6)	39.7(7)	3.5(5)	13.1(5)	2.3(5)
C(13)	39.3(6)	26.5(6)	41.4(7)	-0.7(5)	16.4(5)	-5.4(5)
C(35)	35.4(6)	28.4(6)	38.9(6)	-6.0(5)	15.1(5)	-2.4(5)
C(17)	36.0(6)	36.5(7)	38.0(7)	8.1(5)	14.9(5)	2.0(5)
C(9)	41.2(6)	32.0(7)	30.7(6)	3.8(5)	12.8(5)	-0.8(5)
C(26)	45.7(7)	30.3(6)	28.0(6)	4.5(5)	11.0(5)	-2.9(5)
C(18)	35.3(6)	25.7(6)	39.7(7)	3.3(5)	10.8(5)	1.0(5)
C(23)	36.7(6)	37.4(7)	33.9(6)	3.9(5)	15.4(5)	5.1(5)
C(27)	48.6(7)	27.0(6)	29.7(6)	-2.2(5)	13.9(5)	-3.0(5)
C(32)	39.9(7)	28.8(6)	48.2(8)	9.3(6)	17.1(6)	9.1(5)
C(3)	36.5(6)	38.9(7)	32.9(6)	-1.0(5)	14.7(5)	-3.0(5)
C(8)	42.5(7)	36.1(7)	29.9(6)	-5.7(5)	12.6(5)	-2.1(5)
C(21)	42.1(7)	26.1(6)	49.3(8)	-9.5(6)	20.4(6)	-1.9(5)
C(5)	45.4(7)	28.3(7)	49.1(8)	12.6(6)	19.5(6)	4.2(5)
C(34)	31.6(6)	44.2(8)	41.4(7)	-8.8(6)	8.8(5)	2.0(5)
C(4)	43.2(7)	44.1(8)	36.7(7)	12.3(6)	17.3(6)	1.4(6)
C(22)	43.8(7)	41.2(8)	38.9(7)	-9.9(6)	19.0(6)	-0.3(6)
C(33)	37.9(7)	46.3(8)	42.5(7)	6.2(6)	9.6(6)	12.8(6)
C(16)	34.7(7)	58.6(9)	40.0(7)	12.4(7)	8.2(6)	-4.9(6)
C(14)	55.7(8)	37.2(8)	53.3(9)	-9.0(7)	16.9(7)	-15.4(7)
C(15)	48.9(8)	58.1(10)	45.7(8)	-4.6(7)	8.7(6)	-21.1(7)

**Table 34:** Bond Lengths in Å for **8a''**.

Atom	Atom	Length/Å	Atom	Atom	Length/Å
N(6)	C(19)	1.3954(14)	N(8)	C(20)	1.3911(16)
N(6)	C(25)	1.4130(14)	N(3)	N(4)	1.3035(16)
N(6)	C(28)	1.3762(15)	N(3)	C(7)	1.3469(16)
N(2)	C(1)	1.3984(14)	N(4)	C(6)	1.3934(17)
N(2)	C(10)	1.3787(15)	N(1)	C(13)	1.3733(17)
N(2)	C(7)	1.4129(15)	N(1)	C(18)	1.3545(17)
N(5)	C(31)	1.3720(16)	C(19)	C(20)	1.4091(16)
N(5)	C(36)	1.3594(16)	C(19)	C(24)	1.3957(16)
N(7)	N(8)	1.2991(15)	C(1)	C(2)	1.3956(16)
N(7)	C(25)	1.3456(16)	C(1)	C(6)	1.4087(16)

Atom	Atom	Length/Å
C(29)	C(30)	1.4392(16)
C(29)	C(28)	1.4617(16)
C(29)	C(36)	1.3735(16)
C(10)	C(11)	1.4570(17)
C(10)	C(9)	1.3957(17)
C(31)	C(30)	1.4099(16)
C(31)	C(32)	1.3928(17)
C(25)	C(26)	1.3837(18)
C(30)	C(35)	1.3987(16)
C(28)	C(27)	1.3930(17)
C(20)	C(21)	1.3979(18)
C(11)	C(12)	1.4400(17)
C(11)	C(18)	1.3759(17)
C(24)	C(23)	1.3765(17)
C(12)	C(13)	1.4116(17)
C(12)	C(17)	1.3999(17)

Atom	Atom	Length/Å
C(2)	C(3)	1.3800(17)
C(7)	C(8)	1.3830(17)
C(6)	C(5)	1.4007(18)
C(13)	C(14)	1.3905(19)
C(35)	C(34)	1.3769(19)
C(17)	C(16)	1.378(2)
C(9)	C(8)	1.3833(18)
C(26)	C(27)	1.3848(18)
C(23)	C(22)	1.3929(19)
C(32)	C(33)	1.377(2)
C(3)	C(4)	1.391(2)
C(21)	C(22)	1.3705(19)
C(5)	C(4)	1.372(2)
C(34)	C(33)	1.400(2)
C(16)	C(15)	1.395(2)
C(14)	C(15)	1.379(2)

**Table 35:** Bond Angles in ° for **8a''**.

Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°
C(19)	N(6)	C(25)	117.56(10)
C(28)	N(6)	C(19)	133.95(10)
C(28)	N(6)	C(25)	108.30(9)
C(1)	N(2)	C(7)	117.23(10)
C(10)	N(2)	C(1)	133.65(10)
C(10)	N(2)	C(7)	108.41(9)
C(36)	N(5)	C(31)	109.03(10)
N(8)	N(7)	C(25)	120.07(10)
N(7)	N(8)	C(20)	119.36(10)
N(4)	N(3)	C(7)	120.14(11)
N(3)	N(4)	C(6)	119.11(10)
C(18)	N(1)	C(13)	109.13(10)
N(6)	C(19)	C(20)	115.26(10)
N(6)	C(19)	C(24)	125.02(10)
C(24)	C(19)	C(20)	119.69(11)
N(2)	C(1)	C(6)	115.36(10)
C(2)	C(1)	N(2)	124.74(11)
C(2)	C(1)	C(6)	119.84(11)
C(30)	C(29)	C(28)	127.98(10)
C(36)	C(29)	C(30)	106.05(10)
C(36)	C(29)	C(28)	125.58(11)
N(2)	C(10)	C(11)	125.64(10)
N(2)	C(10)	C(9)	106.77(10)
C(9)	C(10)	C(11)	127.49(11)
N(5)	C(31)	C(30)	107.82(10)
N(5)	C(31)	C(32)	129.87(11)
C(32)	C(31)	C(30)	122.30(12)
N(7)	C(25)	N(6)	123.58(11)
N(7)	C(25)	C(26)	128.04(11)
C(26)	C(25)	N(6)	108.34(10)
C(31)	C(30)	C(29)	106.68(10)
C(35)	C(30)	C(29)	134.34(11)

Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°
C(35)	C(30)	C(31)	118.93(11)
N(6)	C(28)	C(29)	125.88(10)
N(6)	C(28)	C(27)	106.58(10)
C(27)	C(28)	C(29)	127.41(11)
N(8)	C(20)	C(19)	123.65(11)
N(8)	C(20)	C(21)	116.85(11)
C(21)	C(20)	C(19)	119.45(11)
C(12)	C(11)	C(10)	129.09(11)
C(18)	C(11)	C(10)	124.50(11)
C(18)	C(11)	C(12)	106.06(11)
C(23)	C(24)	C(19)	119.43(11)
C(13)	C(12)	C(11)	106.53(11)
C(17)	C(12)	C(11)	134.78(12)
C(17)	C(12)	C(13)	118.66(12)
C(3)	C(2)	C(1)	119.29(11)
N(5)	C(36)	C(29)	110.40(11)
N(3)	C(7)	N(2)	123.47(11)
N(3)	C(7)	C(8)	128.67(11)
C(8)	C(7)	N(2)	107.83(10)
N(4)	C(6)	C(1)	123.60(11)
N(4)	C(6)	C(5)	116.99(11)
C(5)	C(6)	C(1)	119.31(12)
N(1)	C(13)	C(12)	107.82(11)
N(1)	C(13)	C(14)	129.79(13)
C(14)	C(13)	C(12)	122.39(13)
C(34)	C(35)	C(30)	118.79(12)
C(16)	C(17)	C(12)	118.89(13)
C(8)	C(9)	C(10)	109.68(11)
C(25)	C(26)	C(27)	106.43(11)
N(1)	C(18)	C(11)	110.45(11)
C(24)	C(23)	C(22)	121.13(12)
C(26)	C(27)	C(28)	110.35(11)

Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°
C(33)	C(32)	C(31)	117.35(12)
C(2)	C(3)	C(4)	121.28(12)
C(7)	C(8)	C(9)	107.29(11)
C(22)	C(21)	C(20)	120.27(12)
C(4)	C(5)	C(6)	120.41(12)
C(35)	C(34)	C(33)	121.33(12)
C(5)	C(4)	C(3)	119.78(12)
C(21)	C(22)	C(23)	119.94(12)
C(32)	C(33)	C(34)	121.28(13)
C(17)	C(16)	C(15)	121.37(14)
C(15)	C(14)	C(13)	117.38(14)
C(14)	C(15)	C(16)	121.29(14)

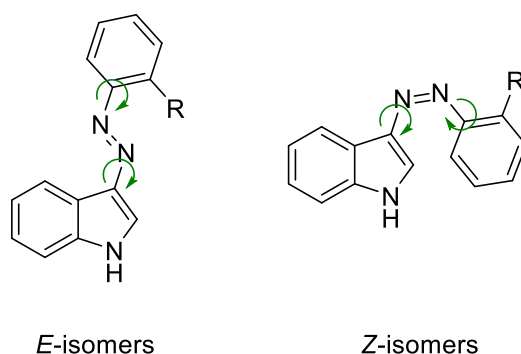
**Table A36:** Hydrogen Fractional Atomic Coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for **8a''**.  $U_{eq}$  is defined as 1/3 of the trace of the orthogonalised  $U_{ij}$ .

Atom	x	y	z	$U_{eq}$
H(5)	4979.92	7694.04	3220.52	40
H(1)	7523.45	10231.75	4321.75	48
H(24)	5055.49	3701.47	2301.07	36
H(2)	7438.4	6207.05	5217.73	36
H(36)	5718.76	5981.61	4050.91	36
H(35)	3001.23	3580.89	2337.78	40
H(17)	9460.35	6067.34	5151.74	43
H(9)	7378.36	6562.07	2626.32	41
H(26)	5067.36	1598.64	5106.1	42
H(18)	6727.99	8546.91	3497.27	41
H(23)	5167.09	2859.03	1216.07	42
H(27)	4885.23	3946.55	4847.93	42
H(32)	3406.28	8000.66	1955.05	46
H(3)	7326.54	5331.49	6297.06	42
H(8)	7150.4	4227.75	2345.24	43
H(21)	5038.75	-747.87	1936.34	45
H(5A)	7439.44	1747.51	5543.27	48
H(34)	1900.04	4680.44	1381.77	48
H(4)	7362.01	3113.85	6472.77	48
H(22)	5122.63	644.88	1020.88	48
H(33)	2111.81	6849.51	1177.38	52
H(16)	10599.83	7138.74	6097.53	54
H(14)	9134.26	10492.79	5561.65	59
H(15)	10430.1	9307.88	6314.16	63

## 6. Optimized Structures

### 6.1. Selection of most stable conformers

Due to the high number of structures involved in the study, we decided to preliminary screen the most stable conformer of each molecule in its *E*- and *Z*-configuration at the computational cheap B3LYP/3-21G level of theory. In particular, through rotation around single bonds (*cf.* Figure A33) different conformers were optimized using the Gaussian 16, Revision A.03 software package.<sup>6</sup>



**Figure A33:** Rotation around single-bonds generates different conformers of both photoisomers.

The energies of the obtained, ground-state optimized structures were compared and the thermodynamically most stable one was further optimized at the B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p) level of theory. The cartesian coordinates and optimized minimum energies are provided in the following section.

The UV/Vis spectra are printed using gnuplot as  $\epsilon$  vs  $\lambda$  (excitation wavelength in nm) with the peaks, furnished by the calculation, assuming a gaussian band shape (characterized by a standard deviation  $s=0.4\text{eV}$ ). The equation for the simulated spectra follows the one described in the Gaussian White Papers<sup>1</sup>:

$$\epsilon(\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i(\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ 1.3062974 \times 10^8 \frac{f_i}{10^7} \exp \left[ - \left( \frac{1/\lambda - 1/\lambda_i}{1/3099.6} \right)^2 \right] \right\}$$

with  $f_i$  the computed oscillator strengths, referred to a specific wavelength  $\lambda_i$ .

<sup>1</sup> <http://dev.gaussian.com/uvvisplot/>

## 6.2. Cartesian Coordinates of the optimized structures

### 6.2.1. *E*-isomers

#### *E*-1a

C	-9.6872703203	0.7975455704	1.0134847347
C	-9.8379456993	2.1621515239	0.762393773
C	-8.7515754188	2.9057112926	0.3137552264
C	-7.5220904316	2.2891308025	0.117233506
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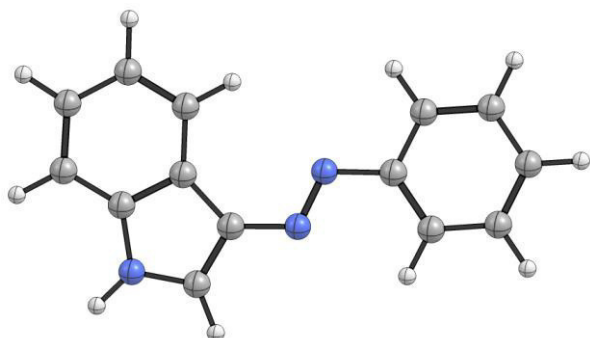
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**E-1b**

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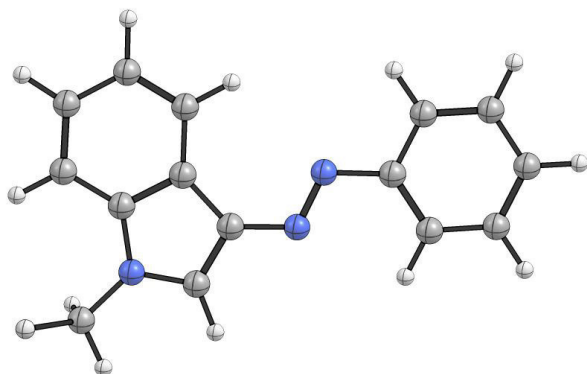
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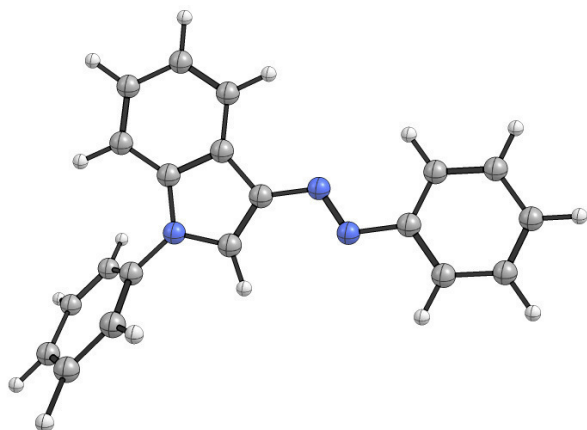
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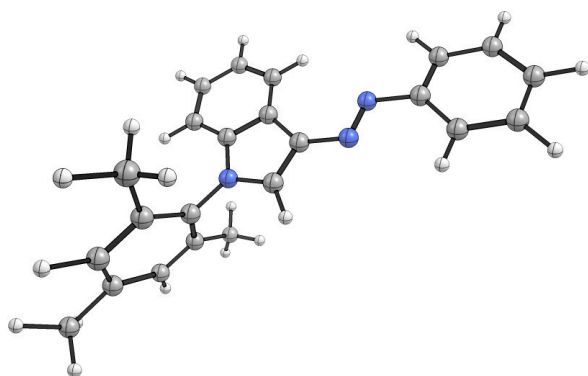
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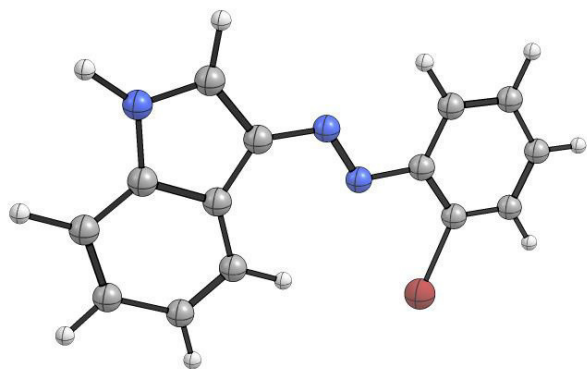
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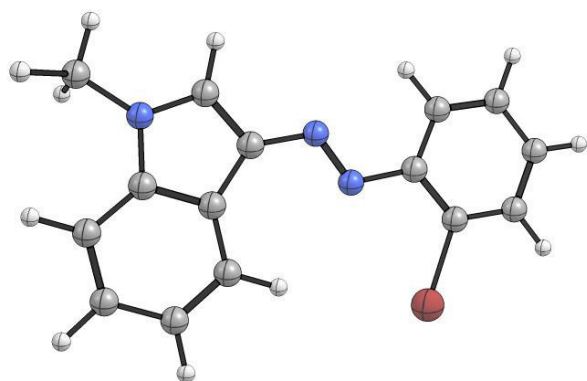
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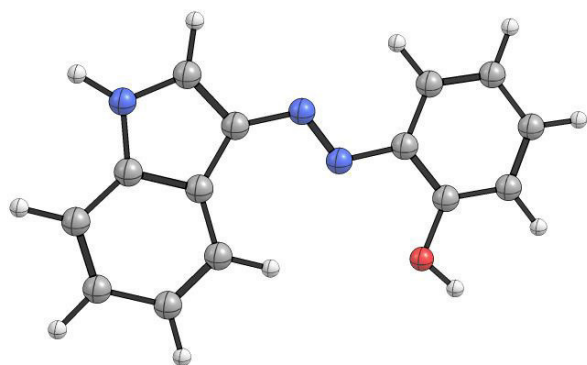
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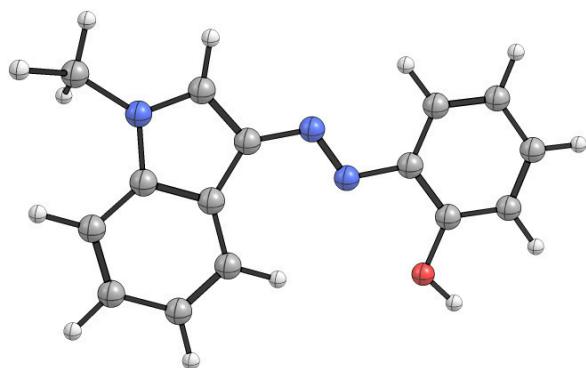
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***E-4a***

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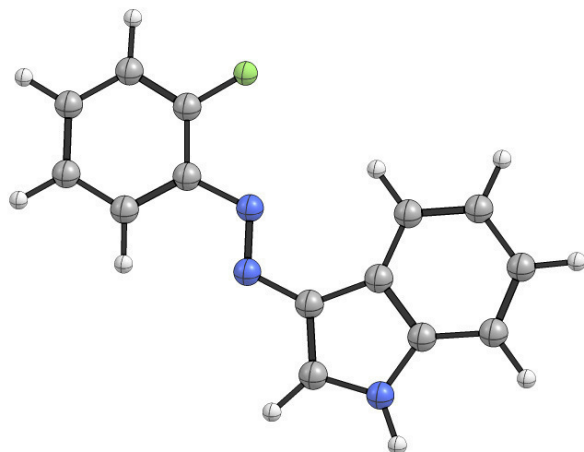
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**E-4b**

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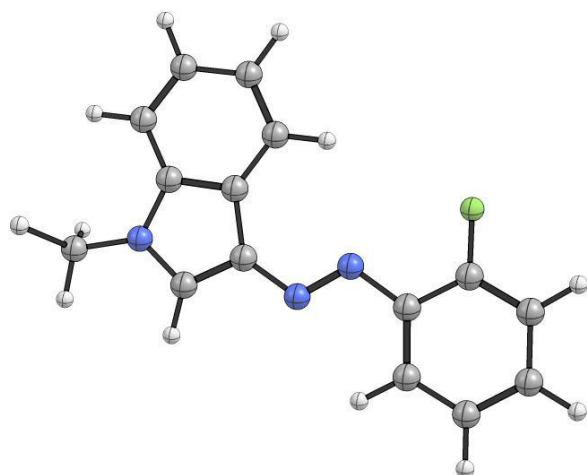
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**E-5a**

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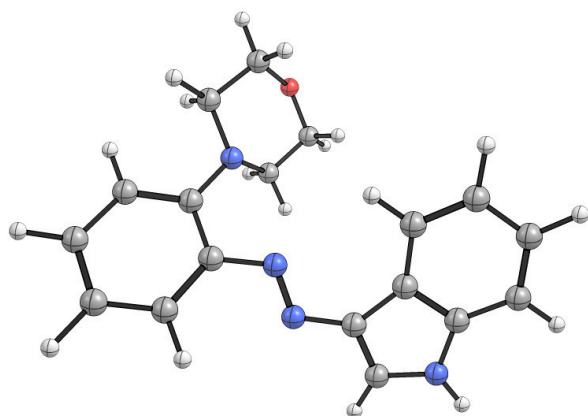
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**E-5b**

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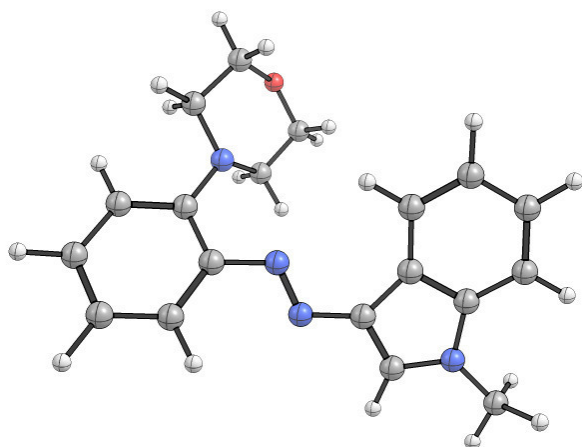
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**E-6a**

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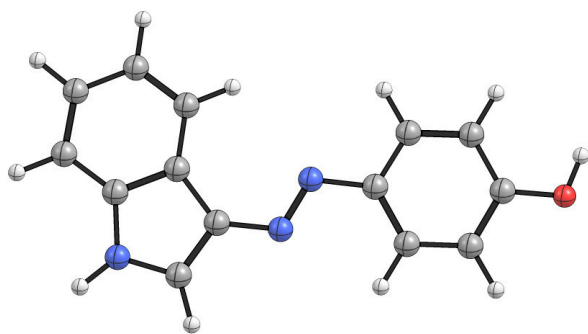
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**E-6b**

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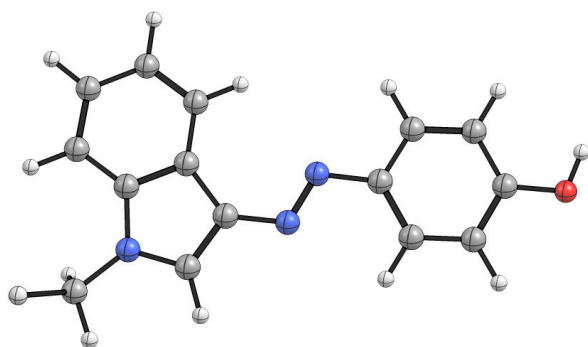
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***E-7a***

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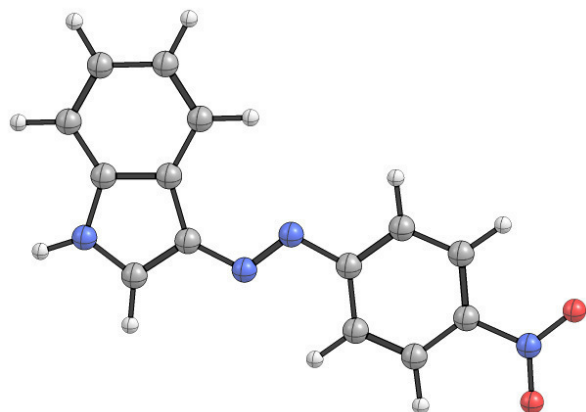
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**E-7b**

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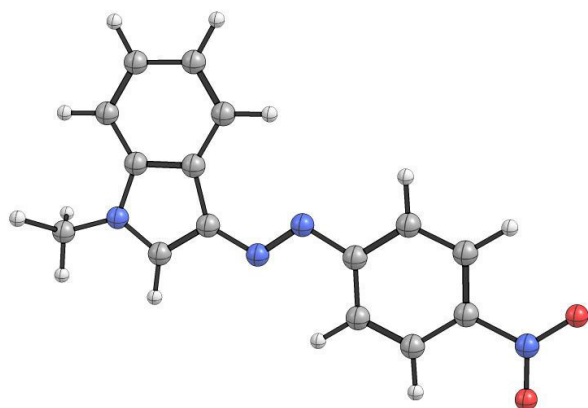
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**E-8a**

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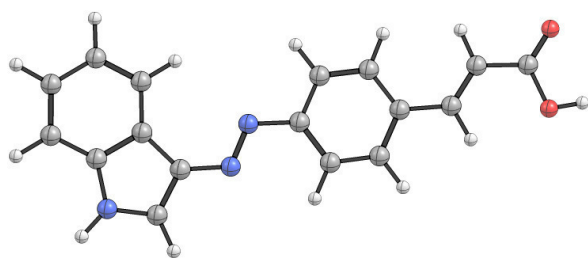
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**E-8b**

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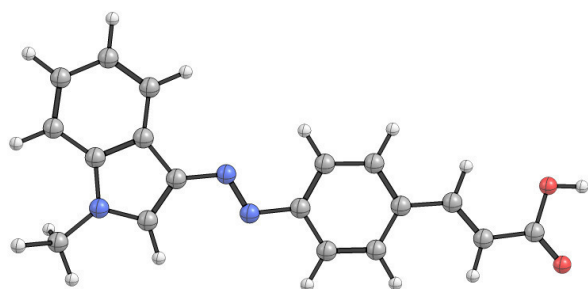
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**E-9a**

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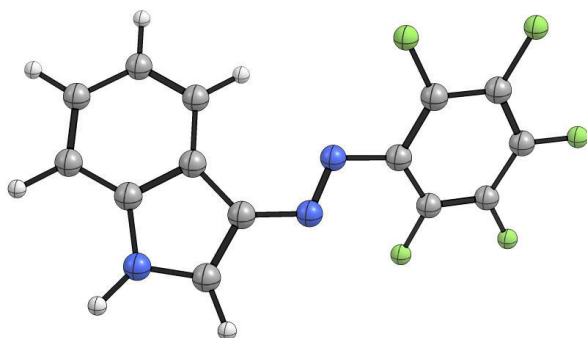
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**E-9b**

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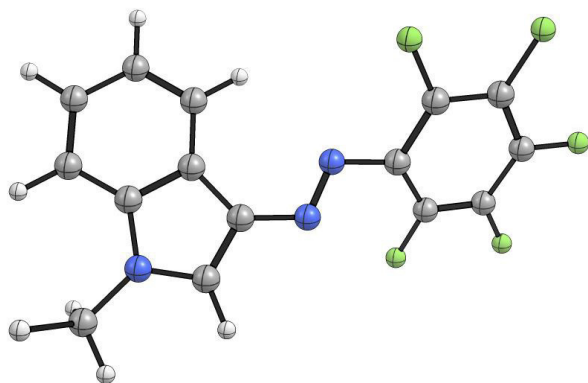
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**E-10a**

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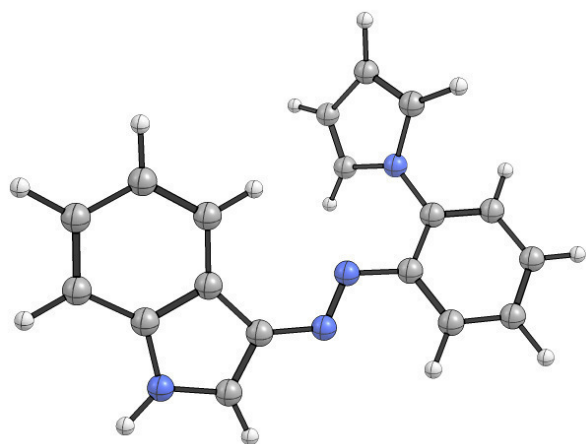
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**E-10b**

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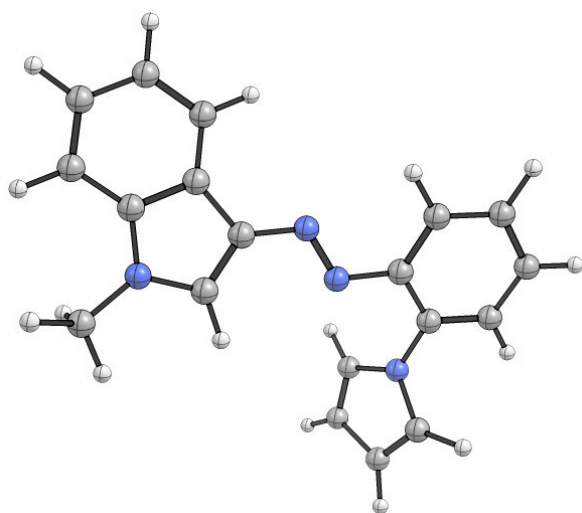
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**E-11a**

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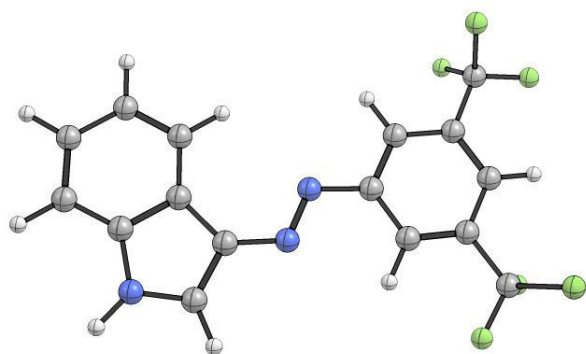
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**E-11b**

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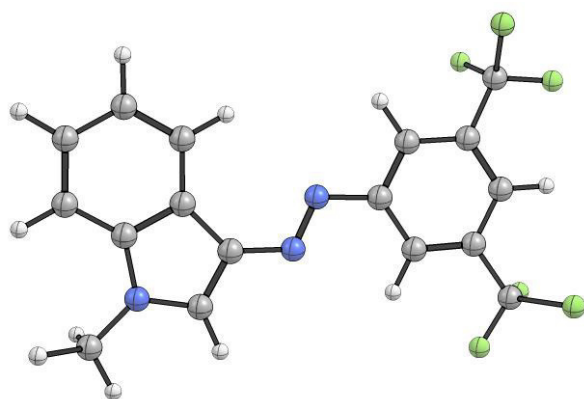
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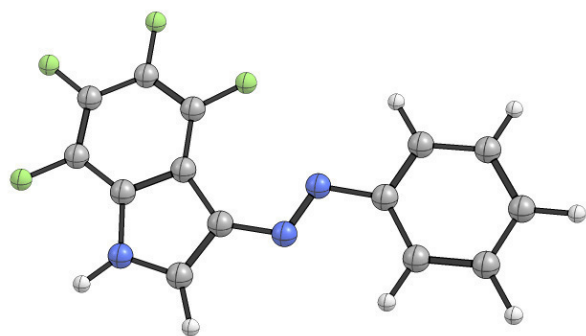
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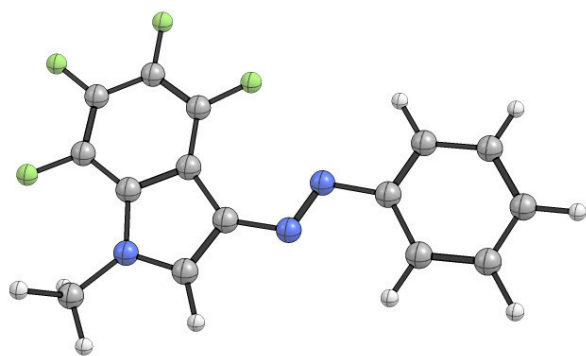
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**E-12c**

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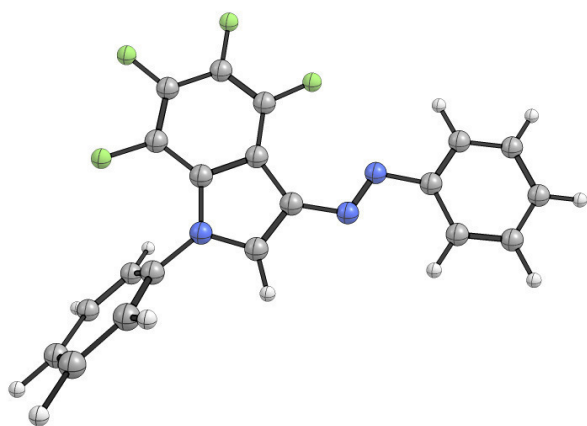
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**E-12d**

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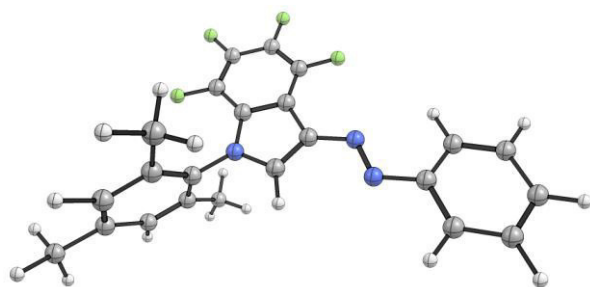
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## 6.2.2. Z-isomers

**Z-1a**

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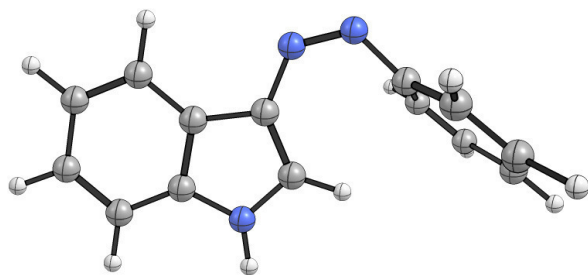
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**Z-1b**

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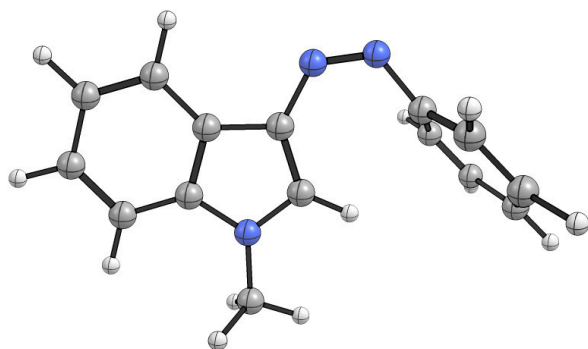
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**Z-1c**

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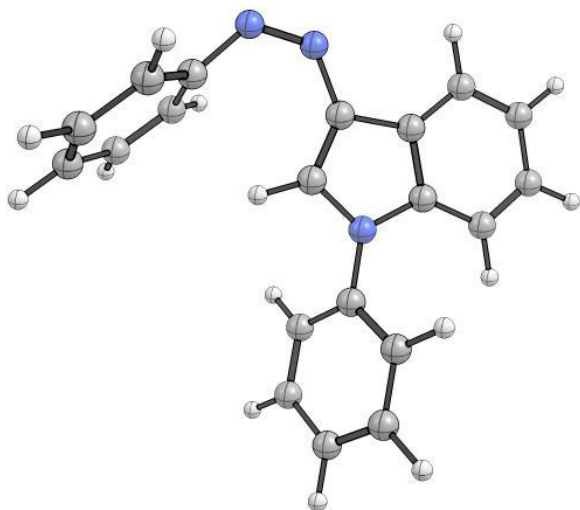
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**Z-1d**

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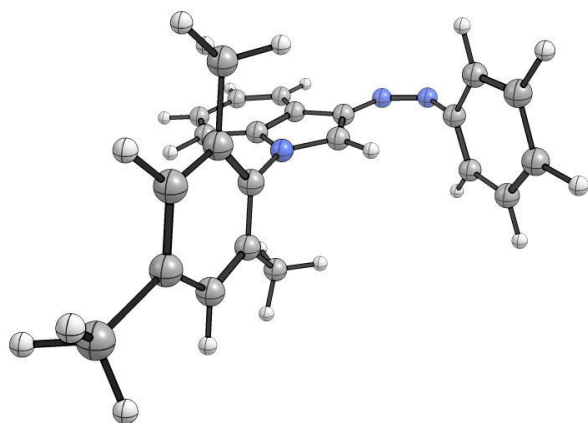
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**Z-2a**

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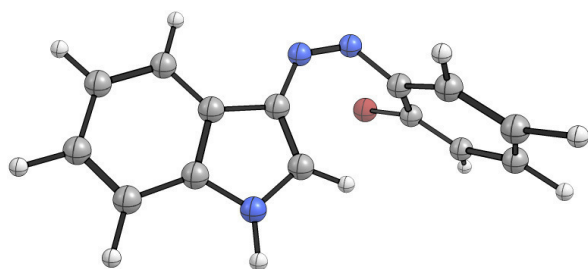
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**Z-2b**

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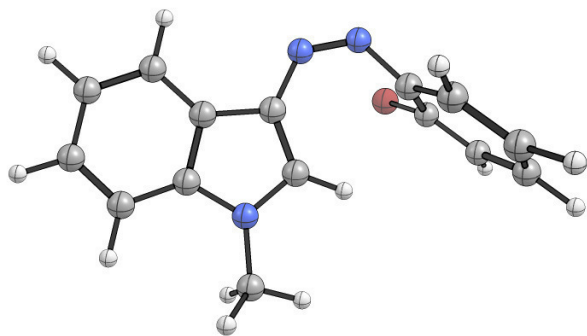
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**Z-3a**

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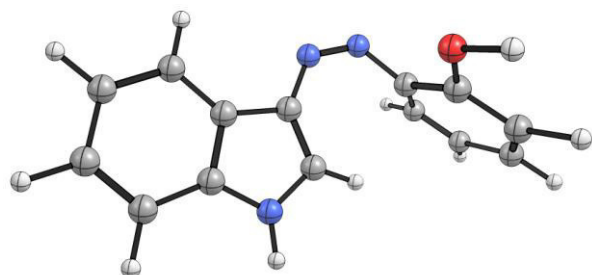
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**Z-3b**

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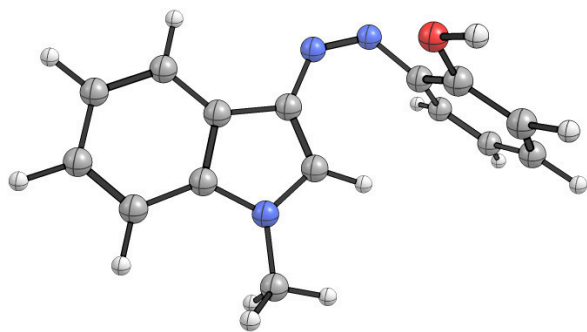
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**Z-4a**

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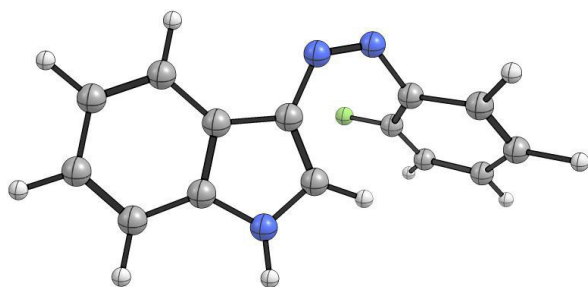
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**Z-4b**

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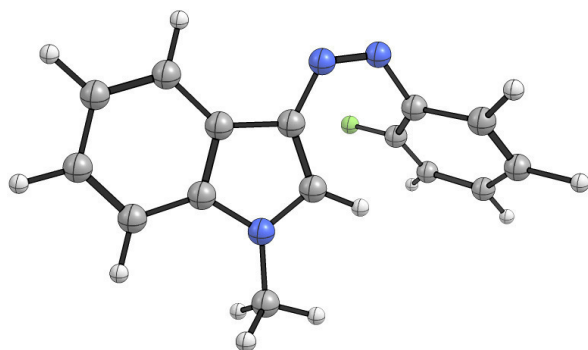
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**Z-5a**

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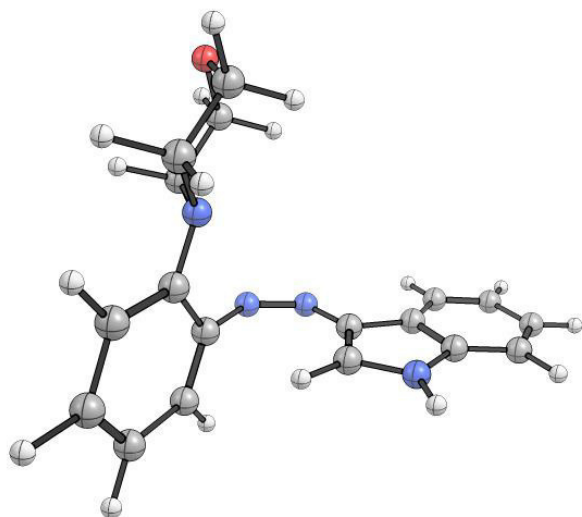
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**Z-5b**

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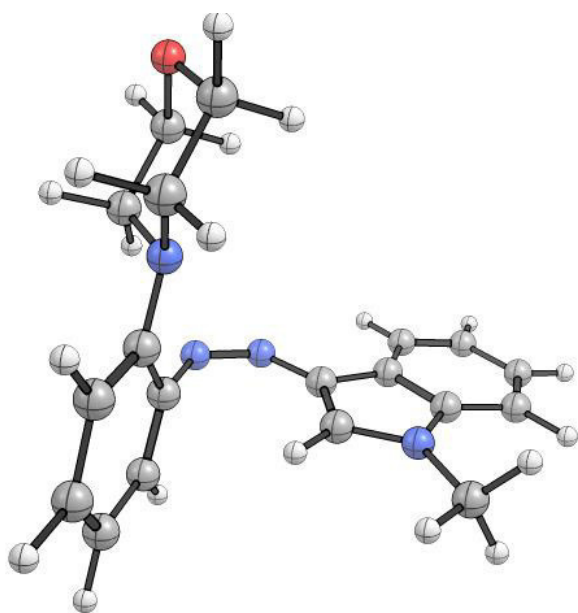
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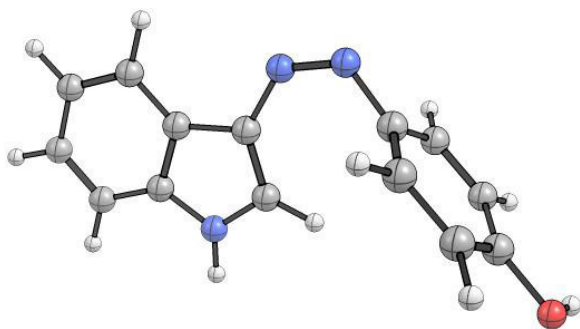
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**Z-6b**

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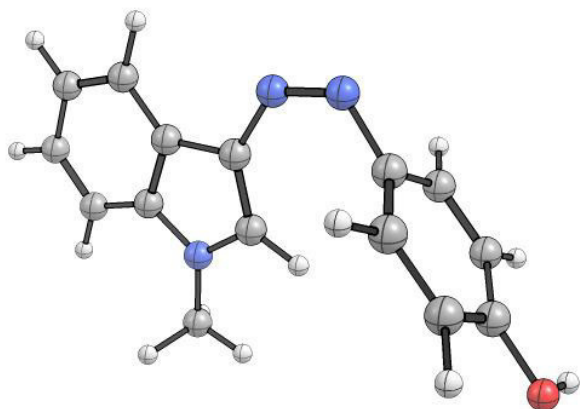
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**Z-7a**

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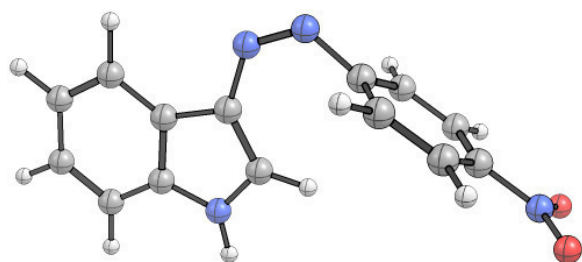
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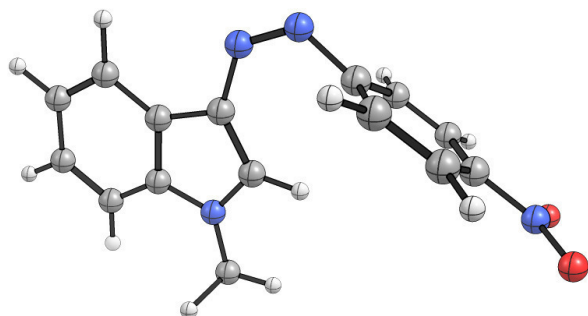
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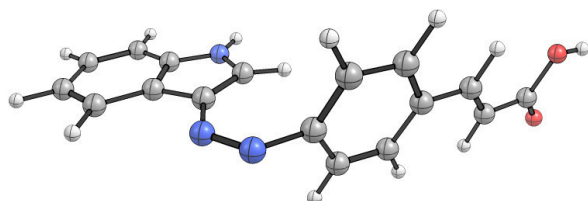
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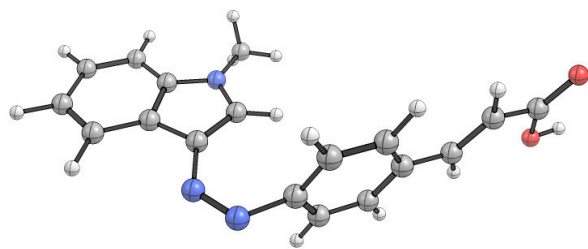
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Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1009.652887





**Z-9a**

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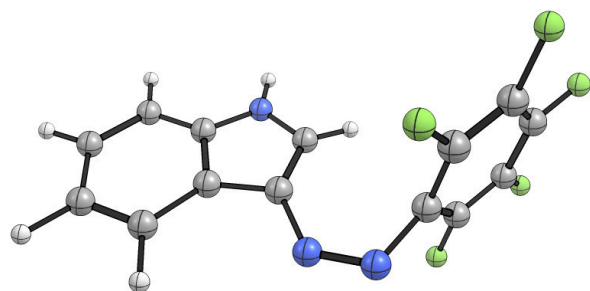
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**Z-9b**

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C	-7.02569895	-2.69294625	-2.46479374
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F	-7.52507787	-4.58541424	-3.79039447
F	-8.33374915	-5.9515691	-1.57748789
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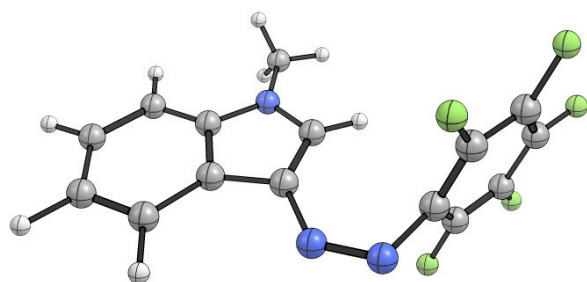
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**Z-10a**

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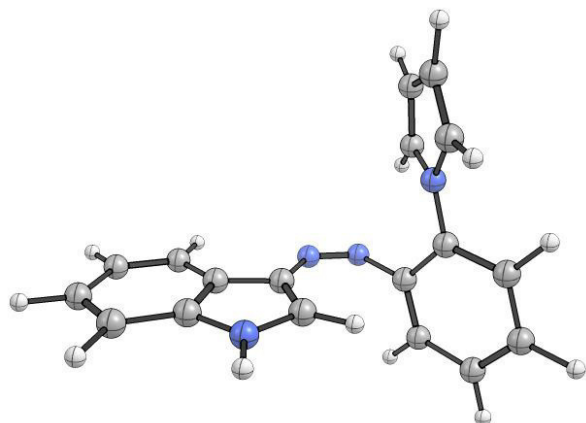
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**Z-10b**

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N	-7.04851665	-3.17172903	2.10567557
N	-5.44162554	-3.16618905	4.53957548
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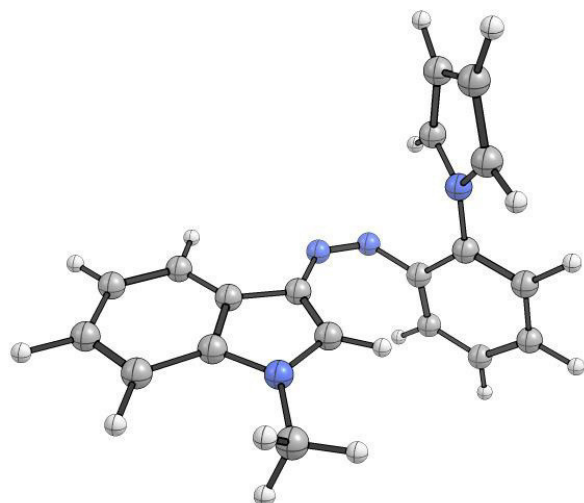
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**Z-11a**

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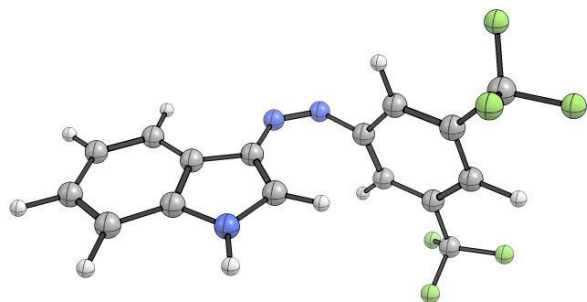
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**Z-11b**

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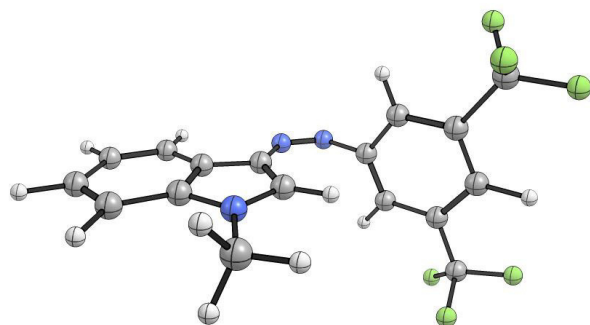
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**Z-12a**

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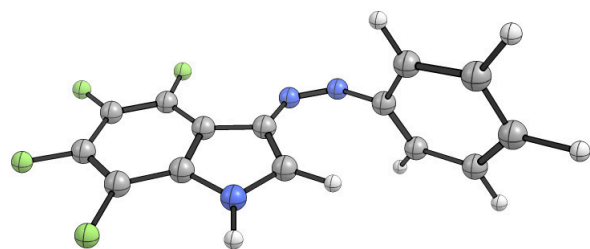
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Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1101.419063



**Z-12b**

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C	-2.56062181	1.68695283	2.85419123
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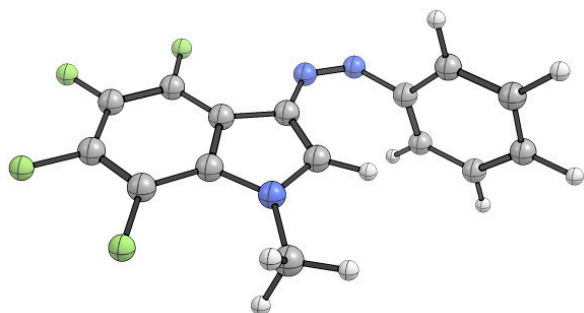
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**Z-12c**

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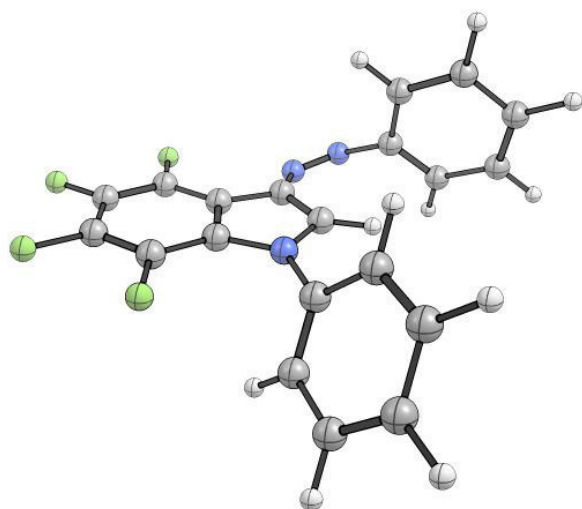
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Z-12d

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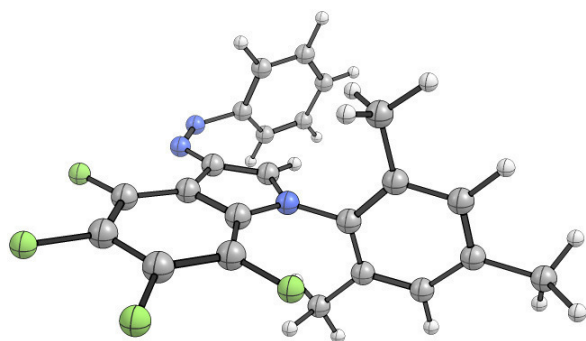
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Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1450.363554



## 7. Simulated UV-Vis Spectra

### 7.1. Benchmark Study

**Table A37:** Overview of the performance of different basis sets in TD-DFT simulations using the B3LYP functional in comparison with the experimental electronic transition.

Basis set	Maximum [nm]	Oscillator strength ( <i>f</i> )	time <sup>[a]</sup>
Experimental <sup>[b]</sup>	362.00		
3-21G	350.70	0.8815	0d 0h 18m 39.2s
LANL2DZ	365.24	0.8733	0d 0h 29m 53.5
6-31G	361.81	0.8655	0d 0h 25m 5.4s
6-31G(d)	364.64	0.8738	0d 1h 0m 42.0s
6-31G(2d,p)	365.80	0.8792	0d 2h 31m 4.3s
6-31+G(2d,p)	376.56	0.8929	0d 6h 3m 55.3s
6-311G	365.75	0.8730	0d 0h 48m 37.6s
6-311G(d)	369.78	0.8816	0d 1h 49m 51.9s
6-311G(2d,p)	370.15	0.8866	0d 4h 30m 0.6s
6-311+G(2d,p)	376.82	0.8908	0d 9h 54m 4.1s
cc-pVDZ	366.57	0.8862	0d 1h 23m 34.7s
aug-cc-pVDZ <sup>[c]</sup>	376.33	0.8933	0d 12h 3m 26.7s
cc-pVTZ	372.94	0.8889	0d 11h 41m 19.2s
aug-cc-pVTZ <sup>[c]</sup>	377.04	0.8926	5 d 11h 12m 37.3s

[a] CPU time using four Intel® Xeon® CPU E5-2650 0 @ 2.00GHz processors with 1GB of shared memory. [b] UV/Vis spectrum registered in toluene, 50 $\mu$ M.<sup>2</sup> [c] The transitions were computed for the ten lower states.

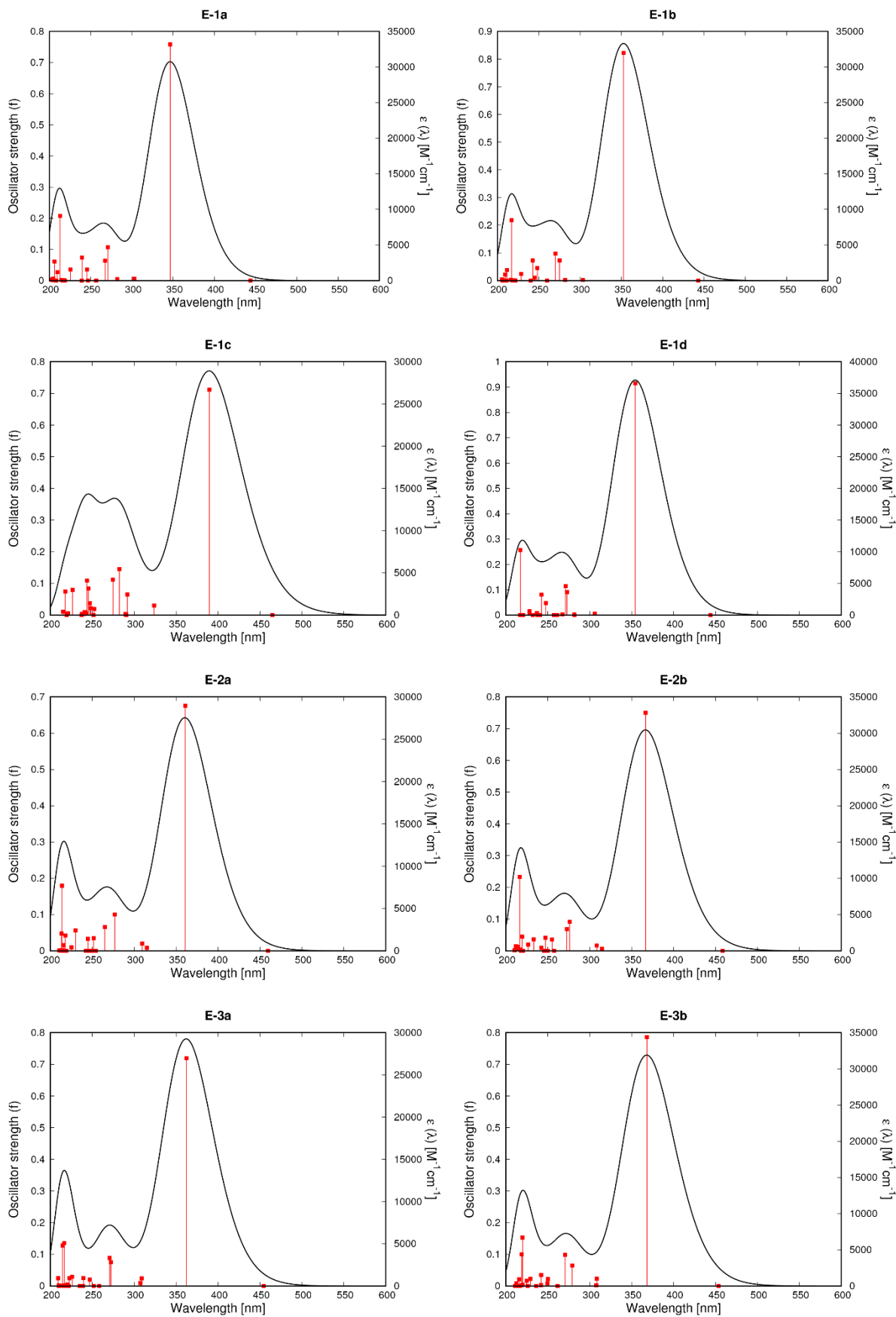
**Table 38:** Overview of the performance of different functionals in TD-DFT simulations using the 6-311+G(2d,p) basis set in comparison.

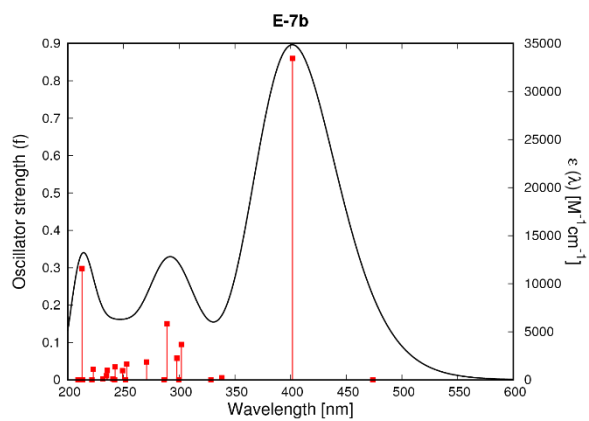
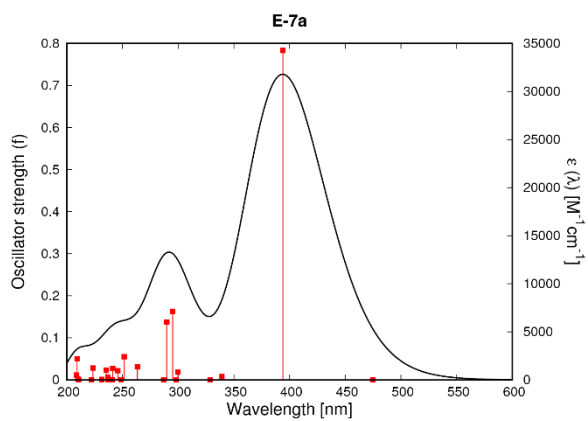
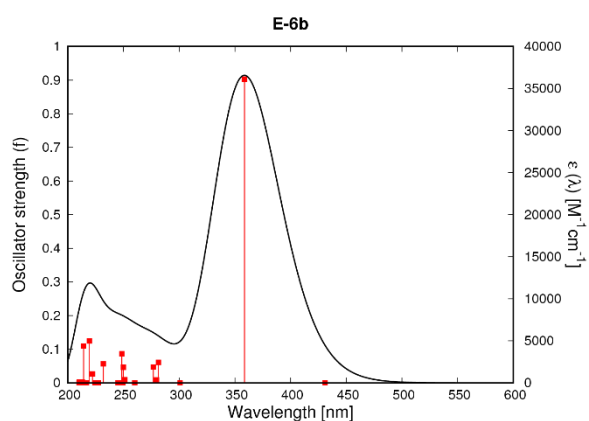
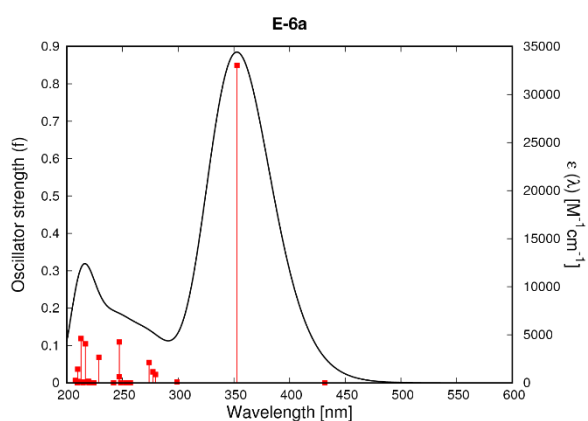
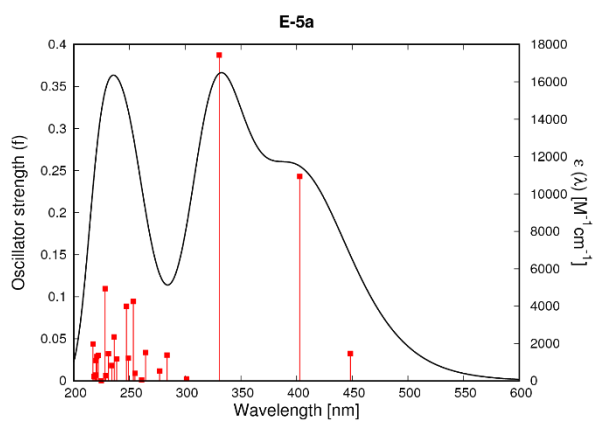
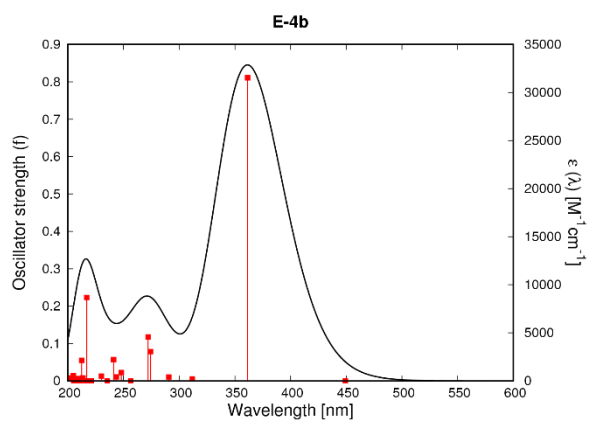
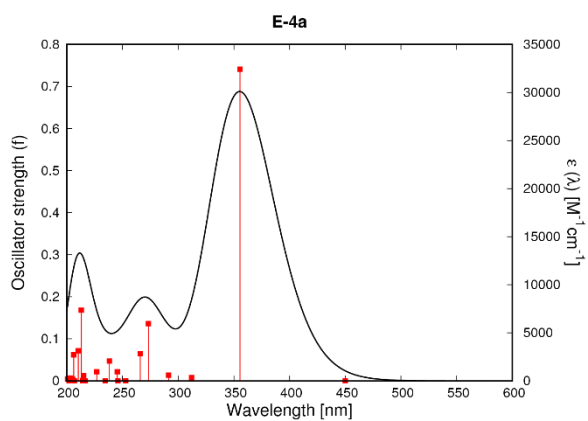
	Functional <sup>[a]</sup>	Maximum [nm]	Oscillator strength ( <i>f</i> )	time <sup>[b]</sup>
Hartree-Fock and (meta-) GGA functionals	HF	305.74	1.0210	6 h 9 m 4.2 s <sup>[c]</sup>
	M06L	392.00	0.7876	5 h 56 m 25.4 s
	M11L	398.95	0.7937	5 h 41 m 21.8 s
	SOGGA11	407.98	0.7036	4 h 14 m 49.1 s
	PBE	411.96	0.7250	3 h 23 m 19.9 s
	BP86	412.43	0.7254	3 h 25 m 0.0 s
	BLYP	415.45	0.7226	3 h 13 m 52.7 s
Hybrid functionals	BHANDH (50)	338.85	1.0154	5 h 8 m 37.7 s
	BHandHLYP (50)	339.00	1.0067	4 h 58 m 49.7 s
	SOGGA11X (40.15)	346.95	0.9932	4 h 23 m 46.9 s
	PBE0 (25)	366.08	0.9261	9 h 21 m 56.0 s
	X3LYP (20.15)	374.33	0.9012	3 h 55 m 44.6 s
	B3LYP (15)	376.82	0.8908	4 h 8 m 55.7 s
Meta-Hybrid	O3LYP (12)	386.85	0.8387	4 h 12 m 27.4 s
	M06HF (100)	312.82	1.0331	8 h 52 m 12.8 s
	M062X (54)	340.13	0.9907	7 h 6 m 4.4 s
	M06 (27)	376.25	0.8990	6 h 30 m 42.1 s
	TPSSH (10)	383.96	0.8454	5 h 11 m 37.3 s
Range separated and dispersion corrected	LC-BLYP	319.15	0.9993	7 h 19 m 49.4 s
	LC-WHPBE	321.92	0.9986	6 h 26 m 46.6 s
	LC-WPBE	321.93	0.9986	6 h 44 m 10.5 s
	ωB97XD	342.80	0.9890	6 h 31 m 41.4 s
	CAM-B3LYP	345.30	0.9798	5 h 46 m 28.8 s
	APFD	369.23	0.9144	4 h 11 m 53.0 s

[a] The percentage of Hartree Fock exchange in the hybrid and meta-hybrid functionals is reported in brackets. [b] CPU time using four Intel® Xeon® CPU E5-2630 v3 @ 2.40GHz with 1GB of shared memory. [c] CPU time using four Intel® Xeon® CPU E5-2650 0 @ 2.00GHz processors with 1GB of shared memory.

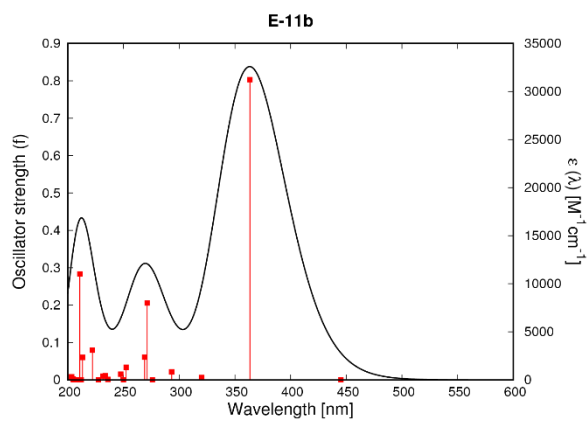
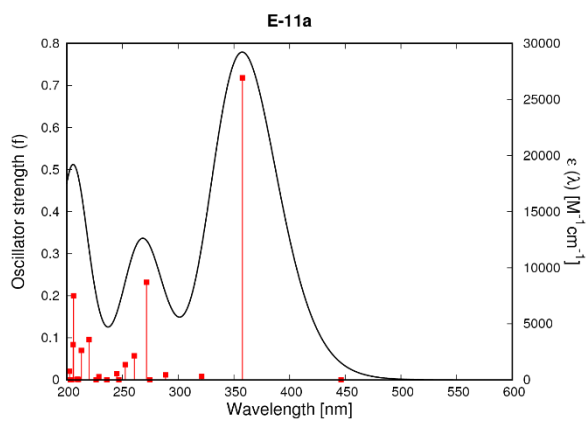
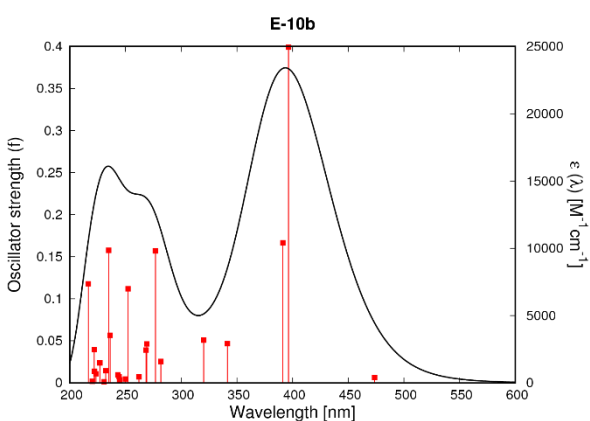
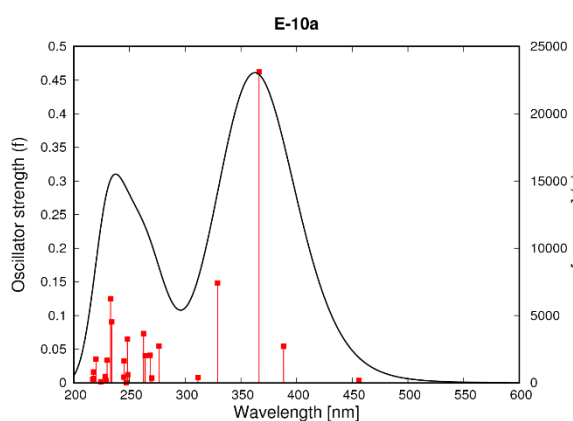
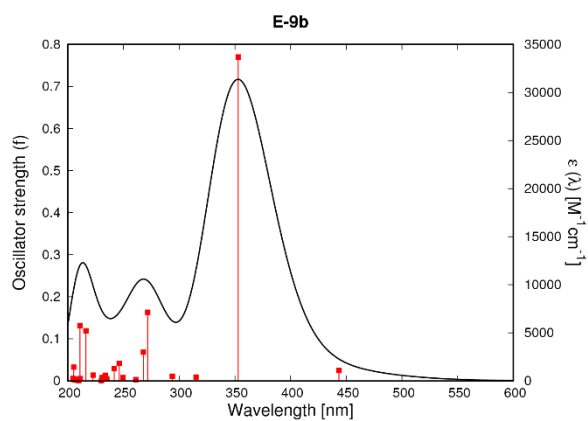
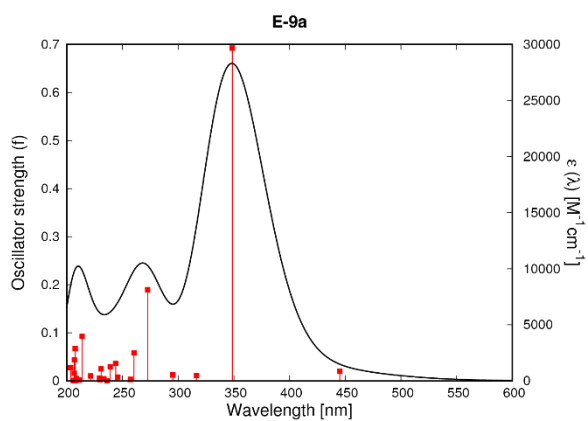
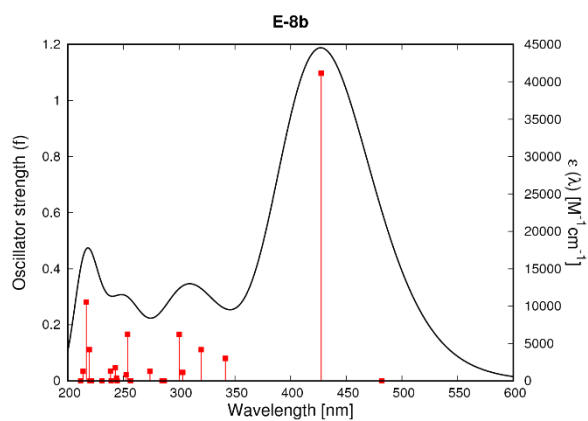
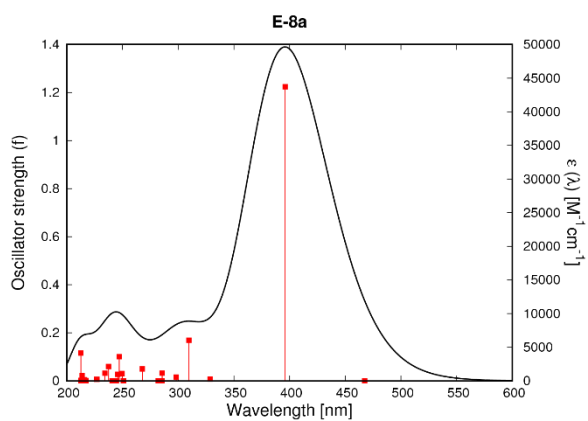
## 7.2. TD-DFT calculations using PBE0/6-311+G(2d,p) level of theory

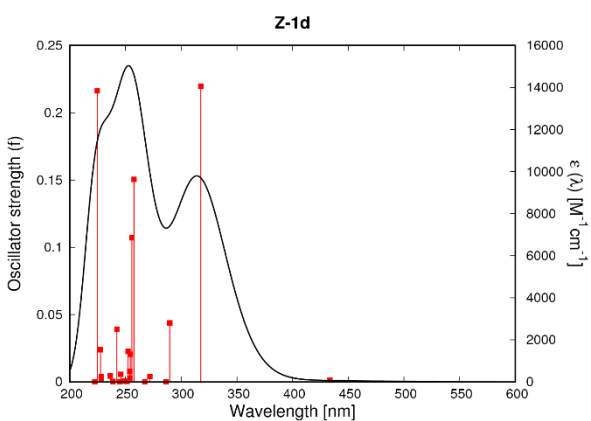
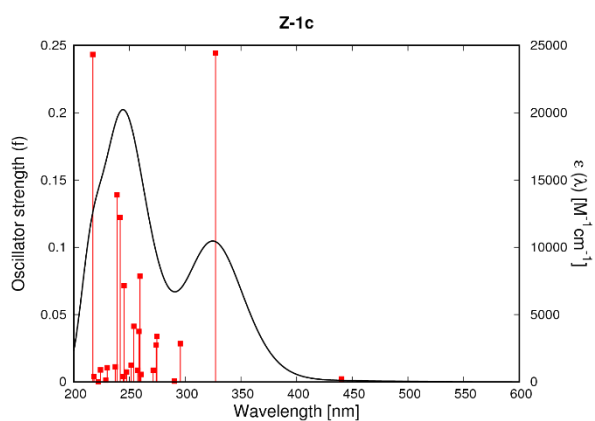
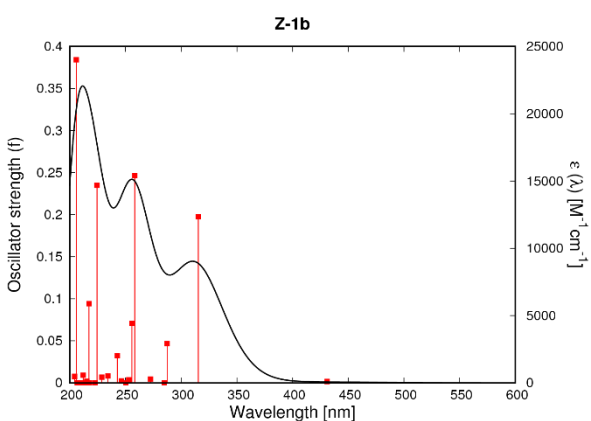
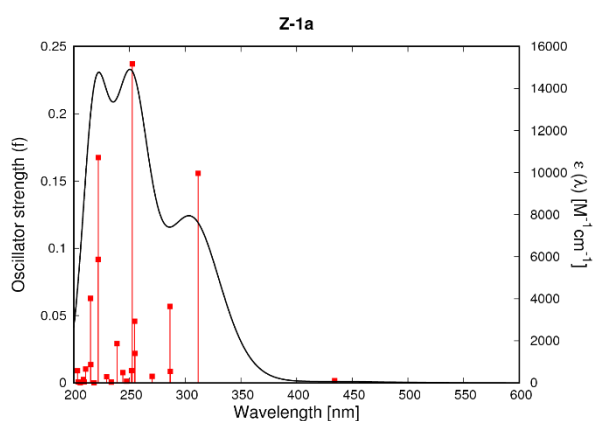
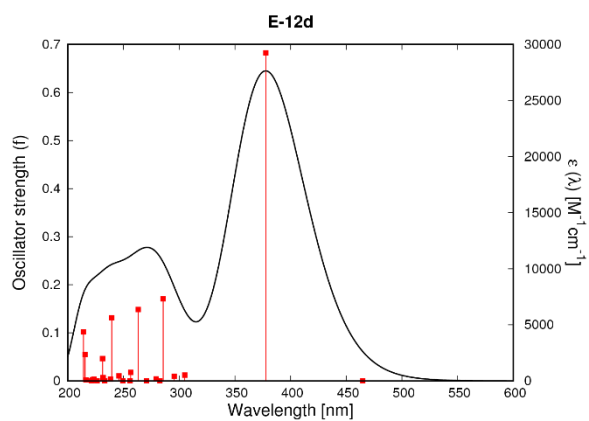
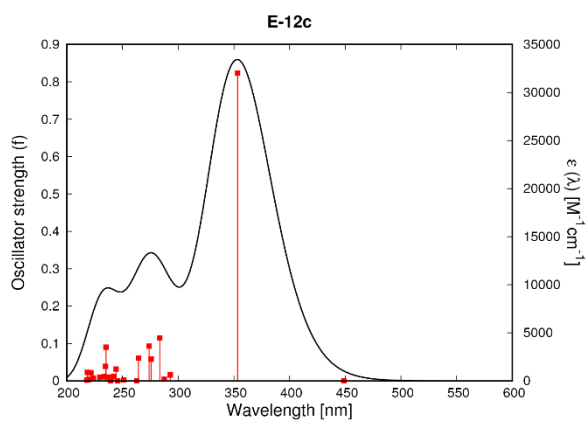
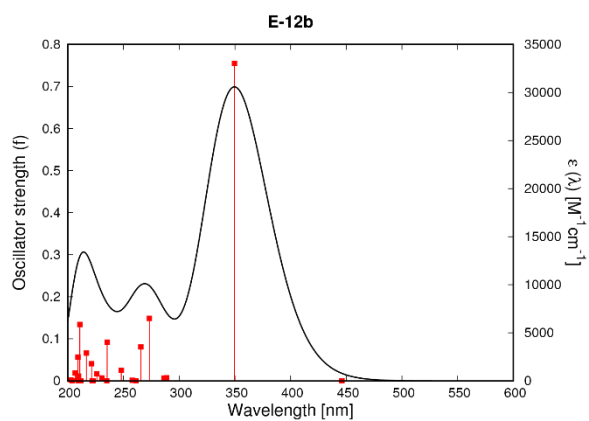
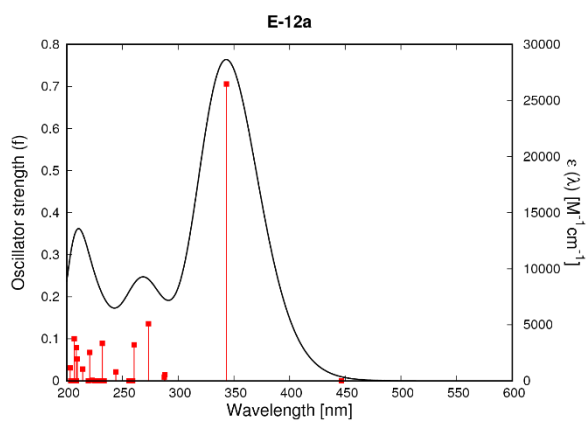
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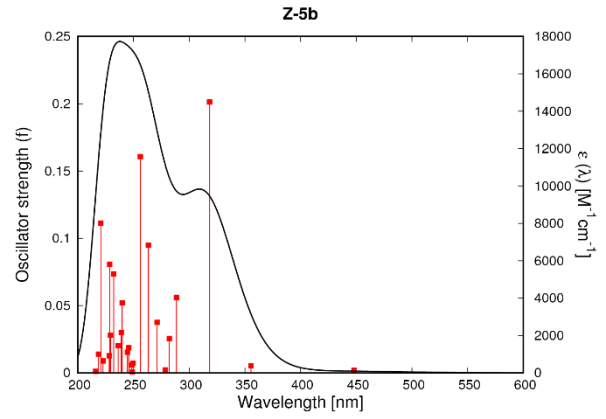
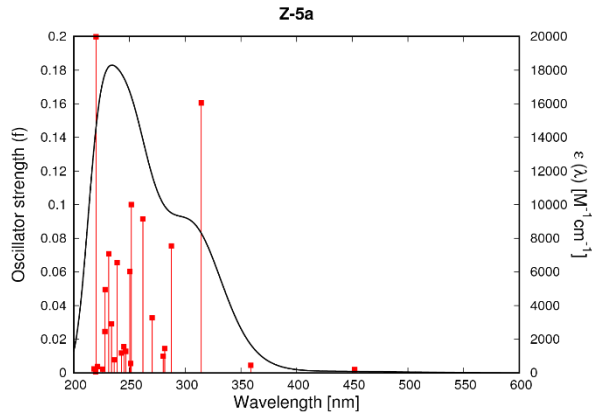
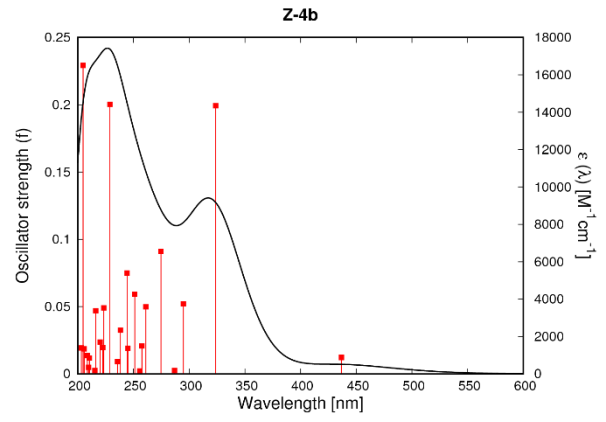
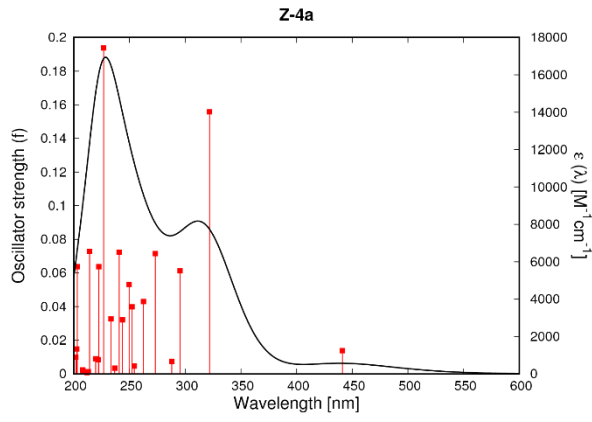
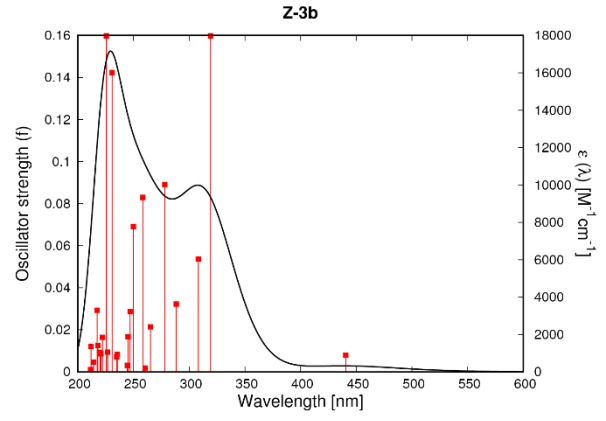
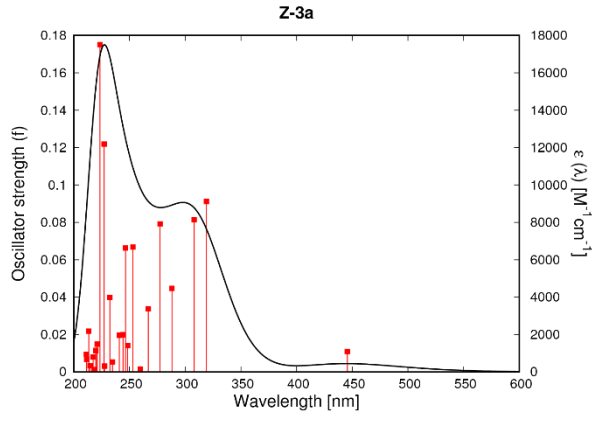
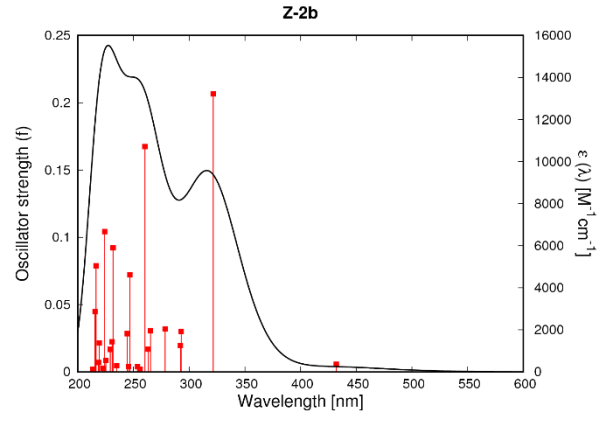
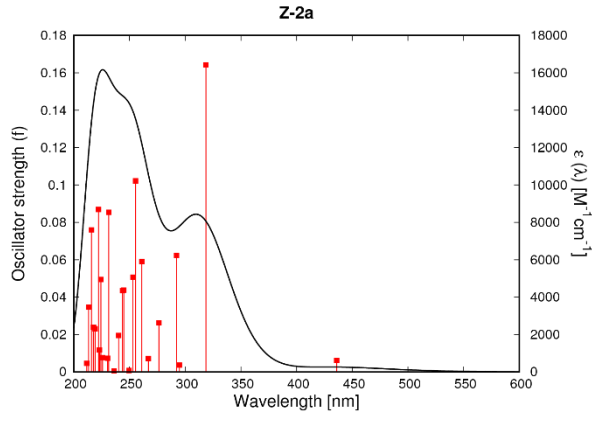


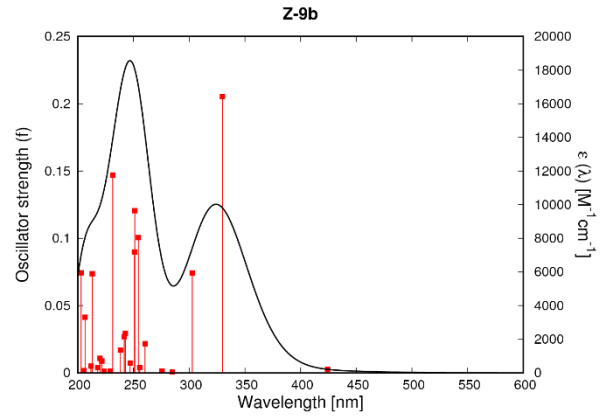
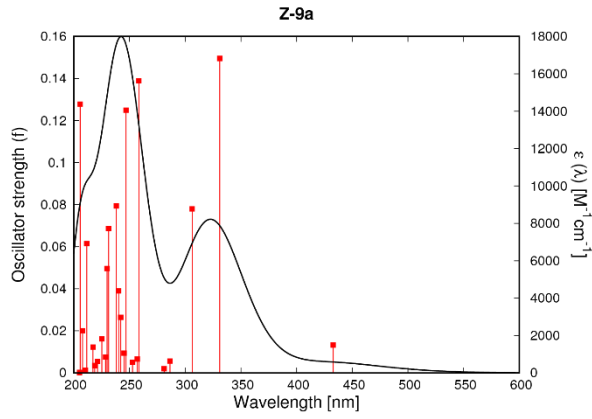
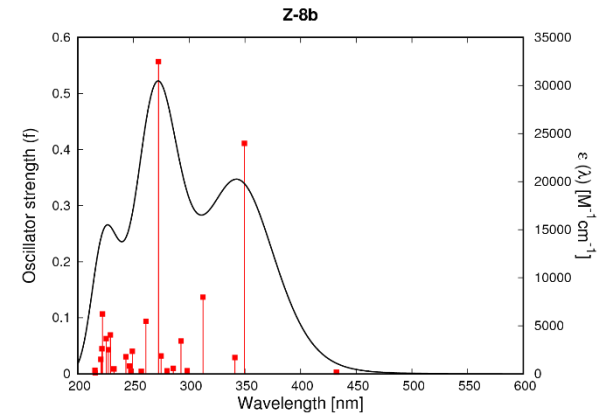
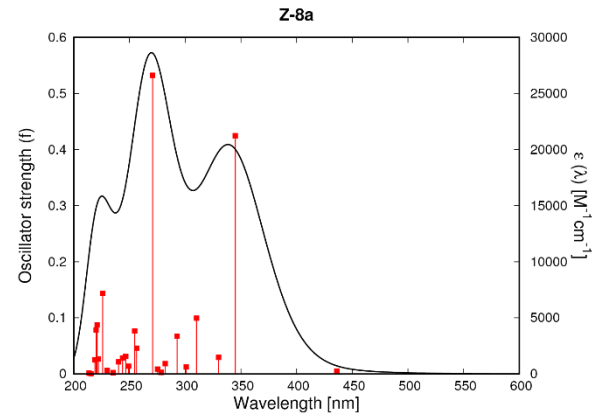
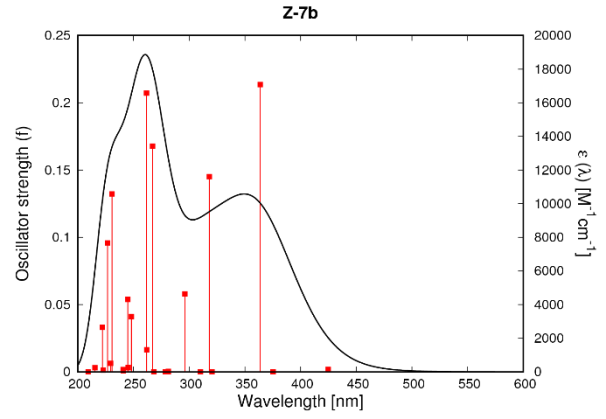
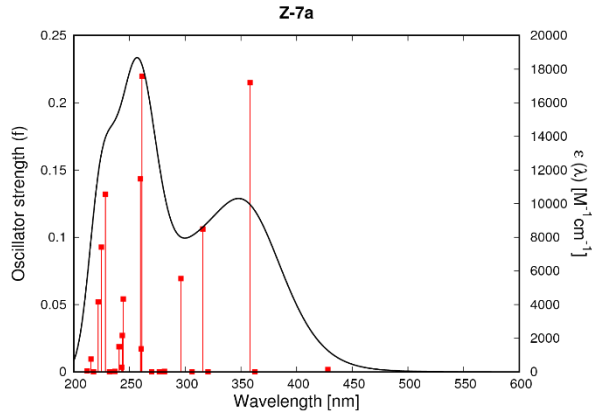
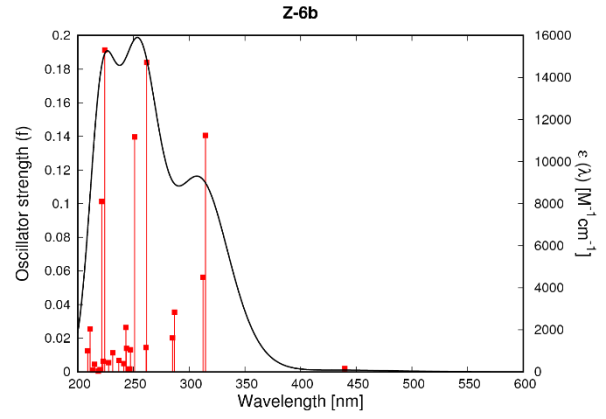
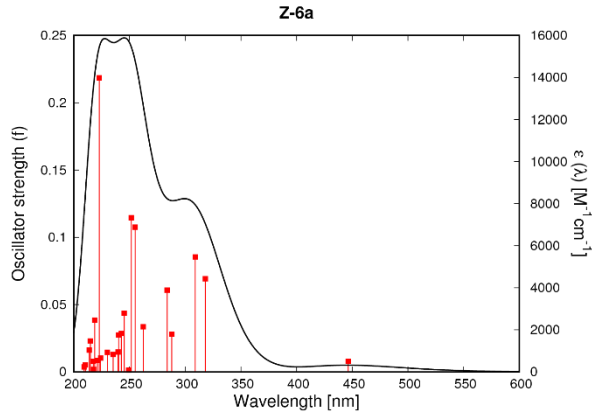


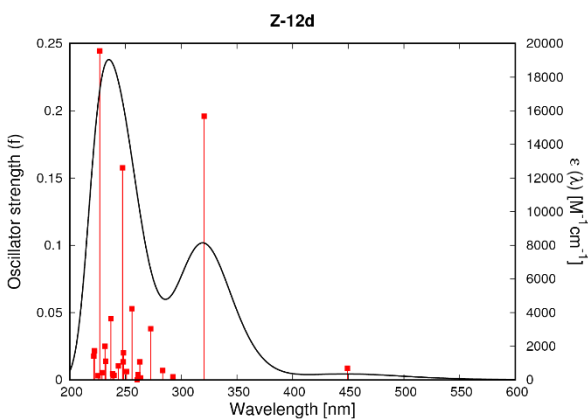
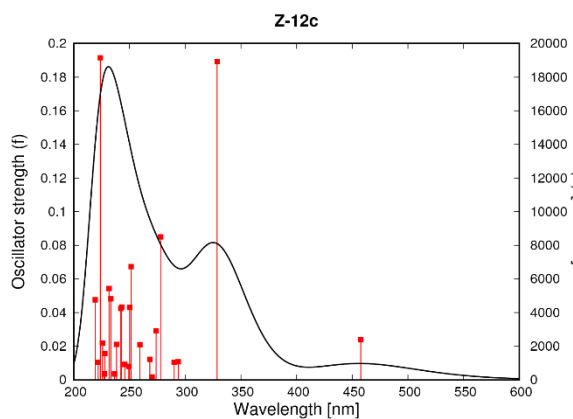
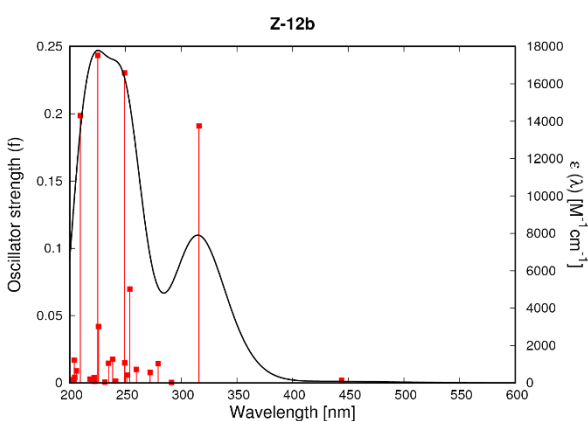
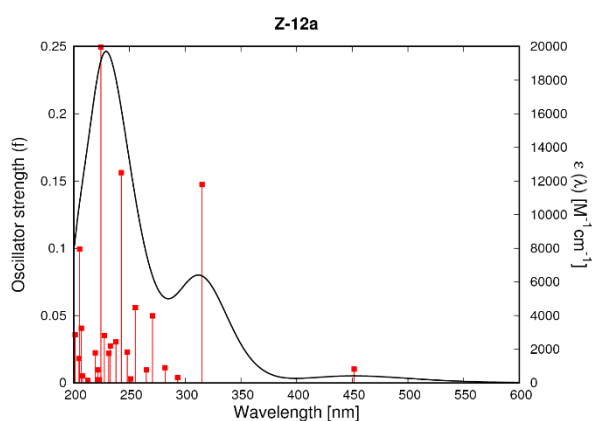
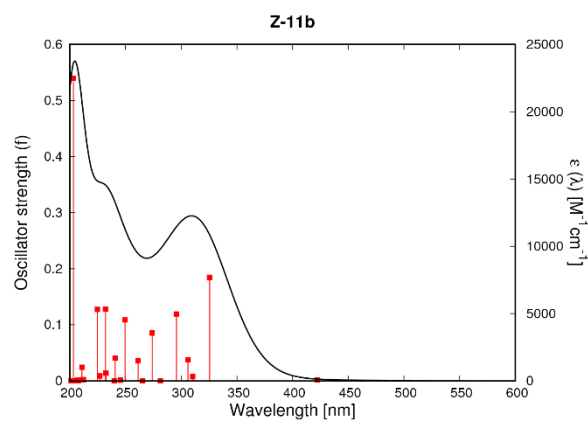
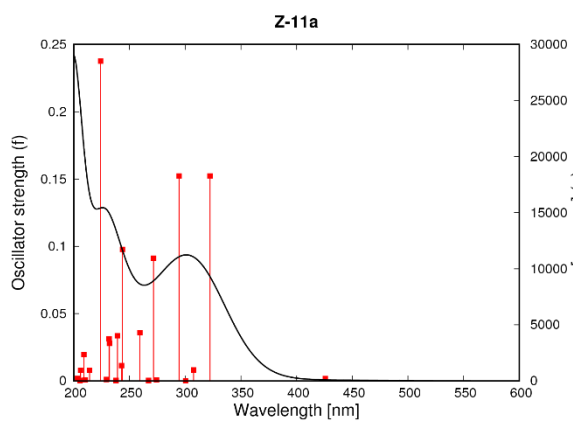
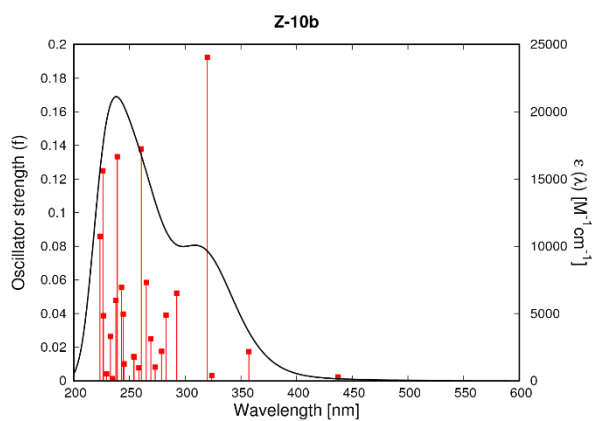
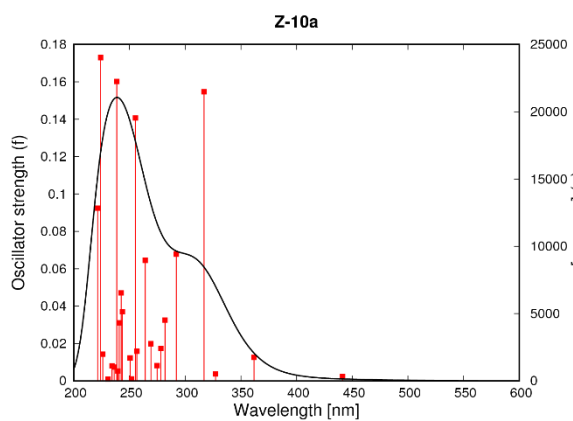




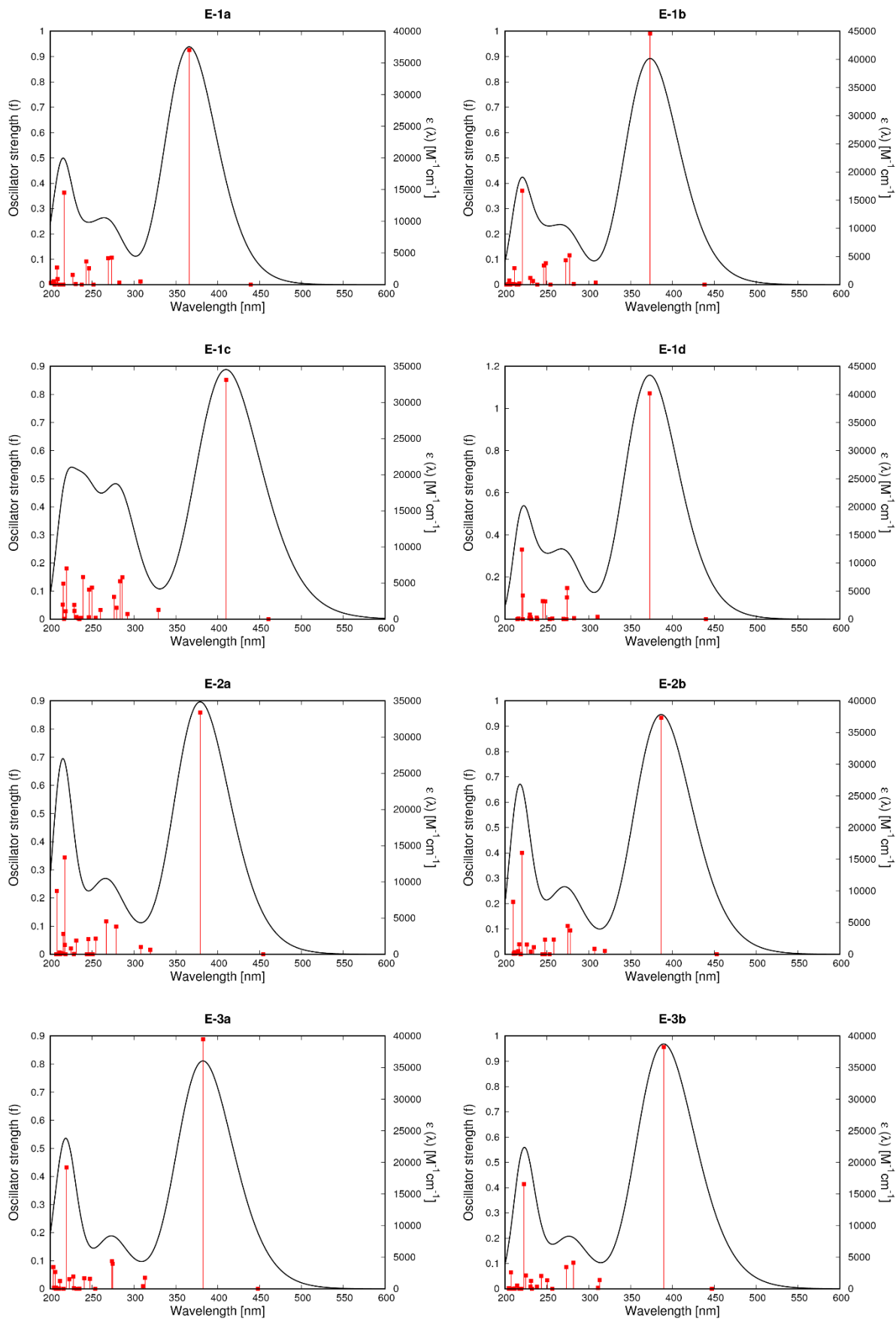


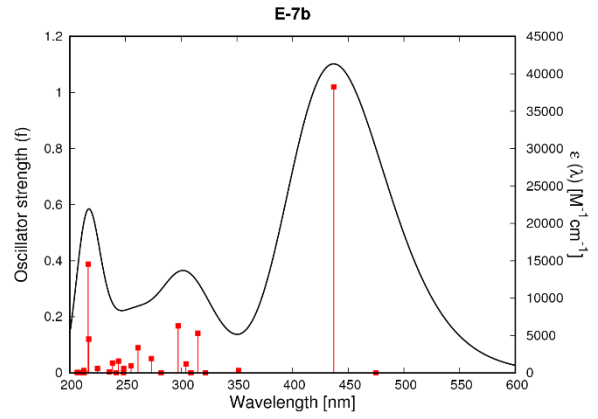
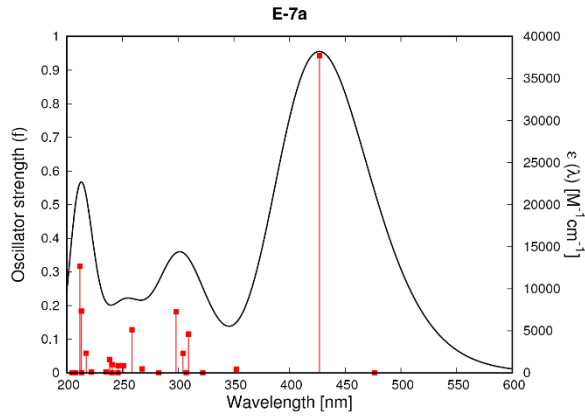
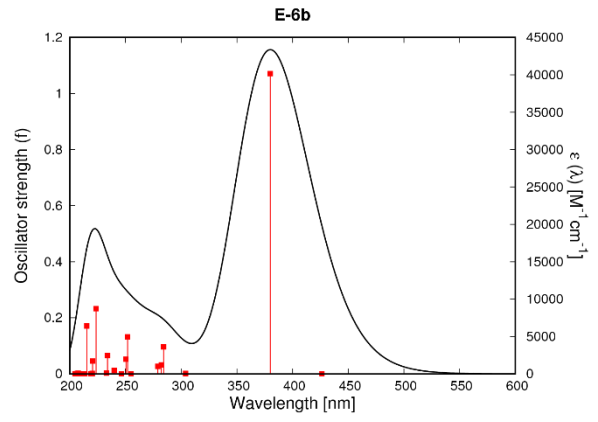
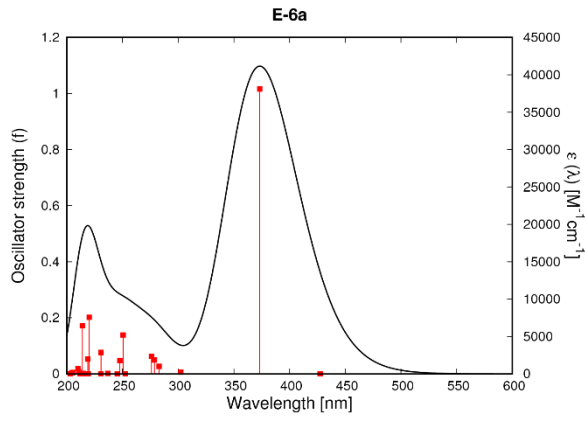
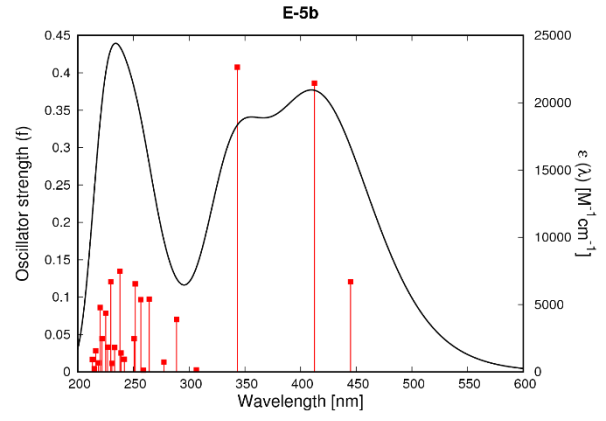
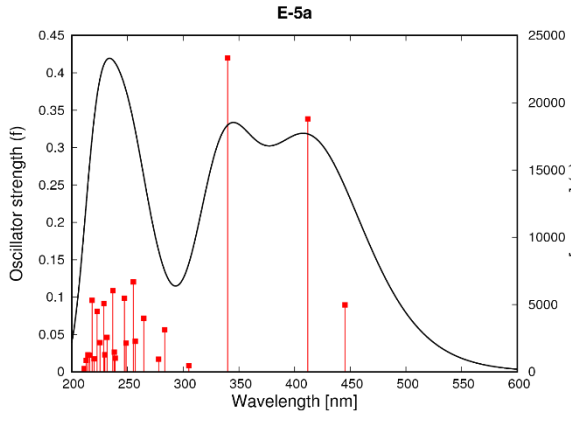
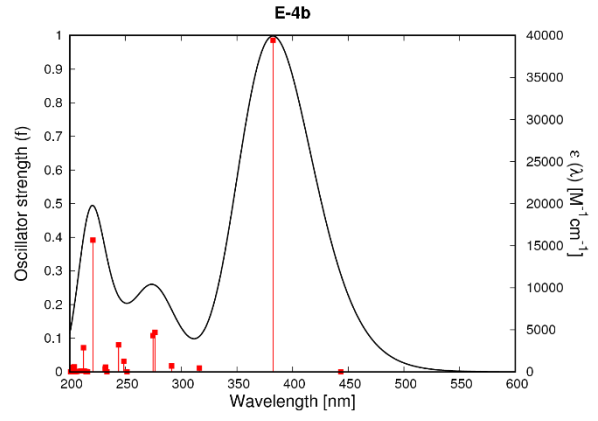
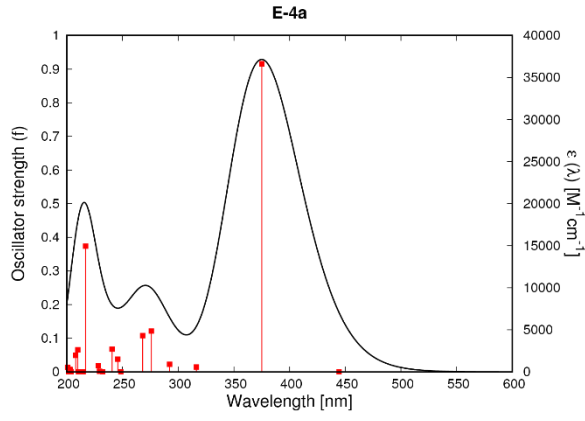


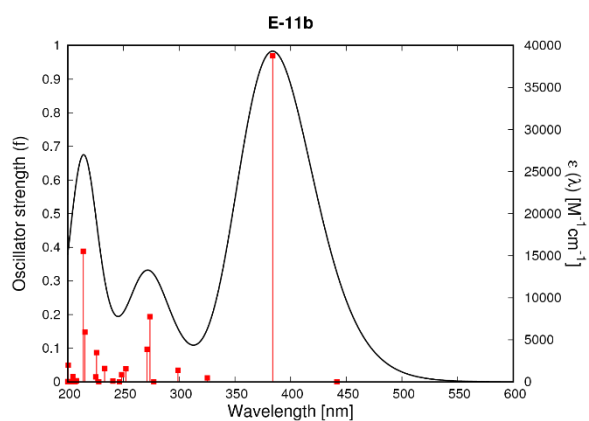
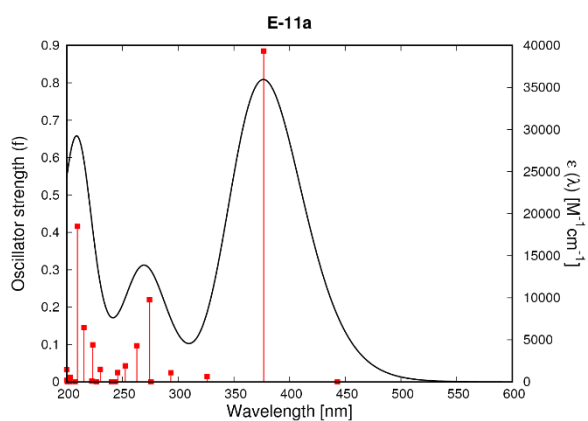
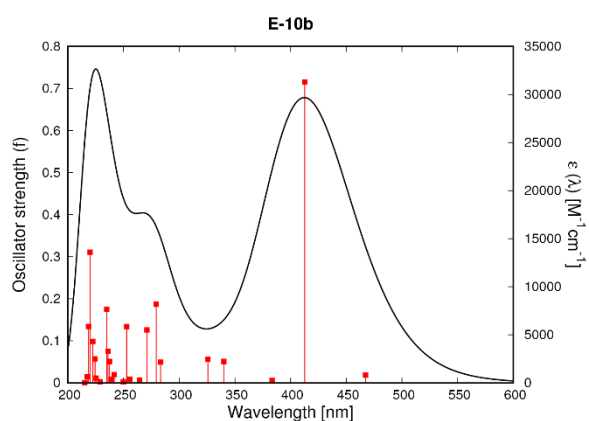
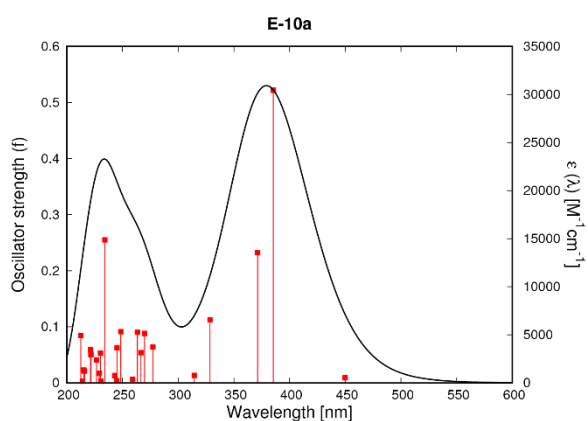
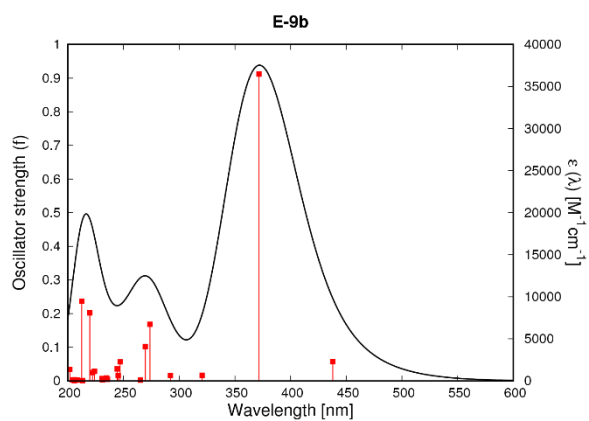
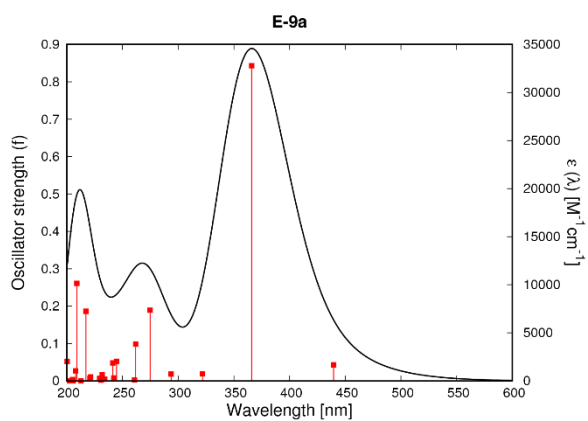
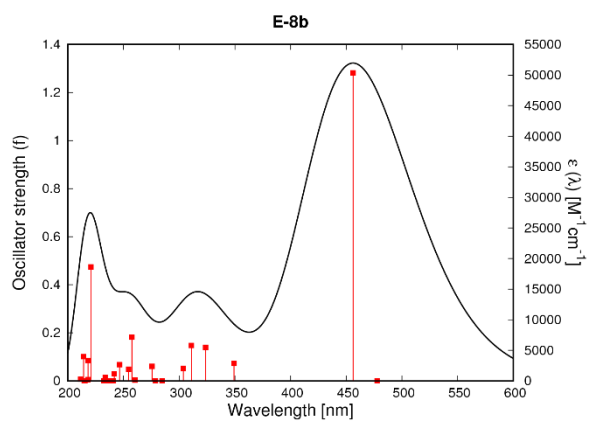
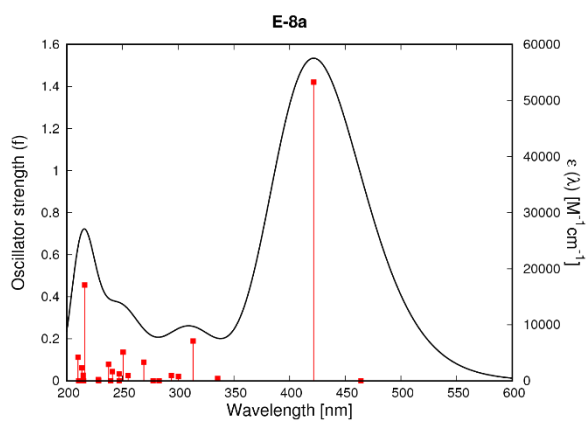




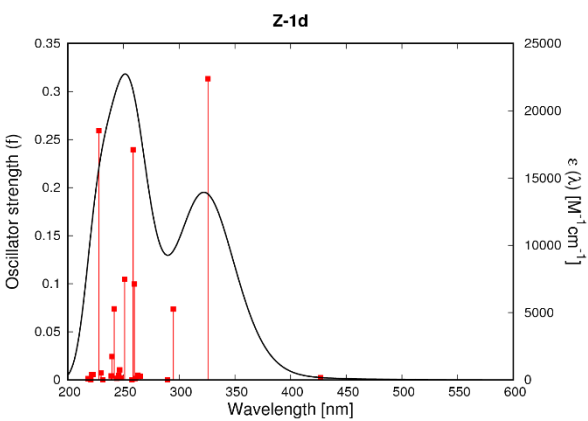
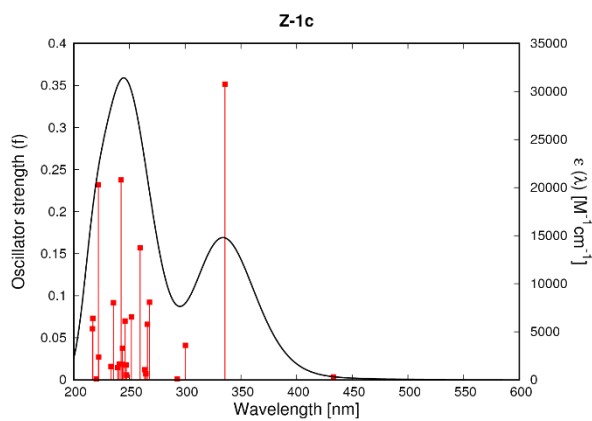
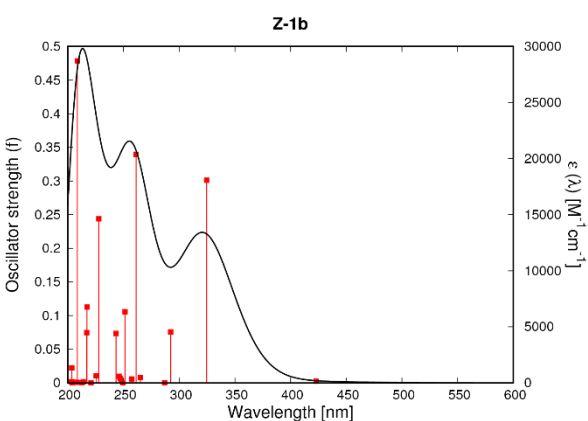
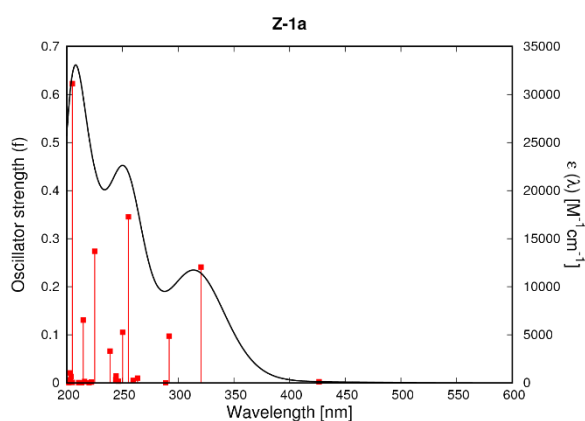
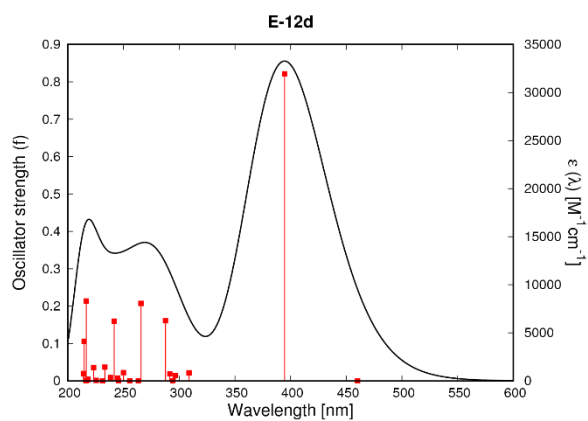
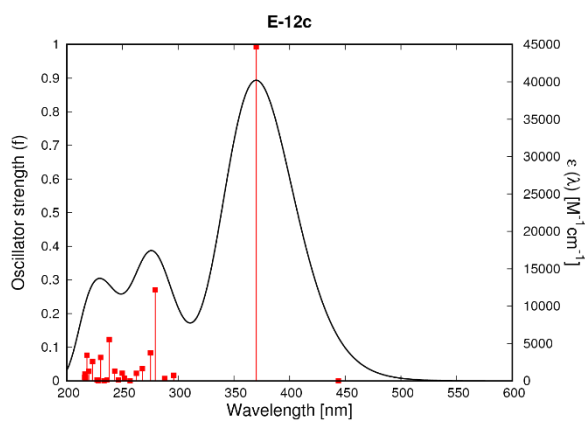
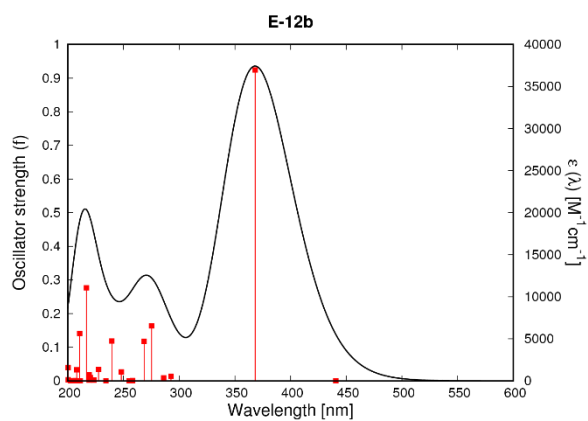
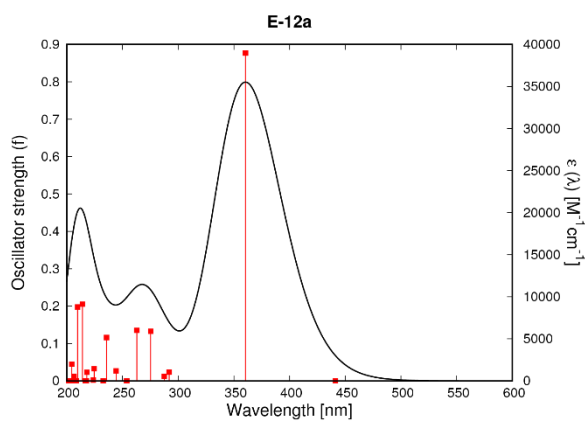
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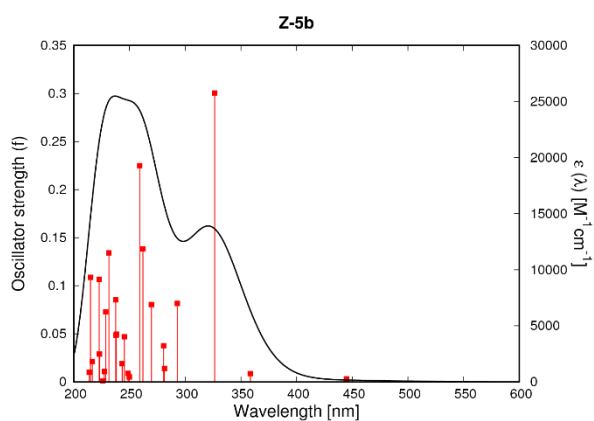
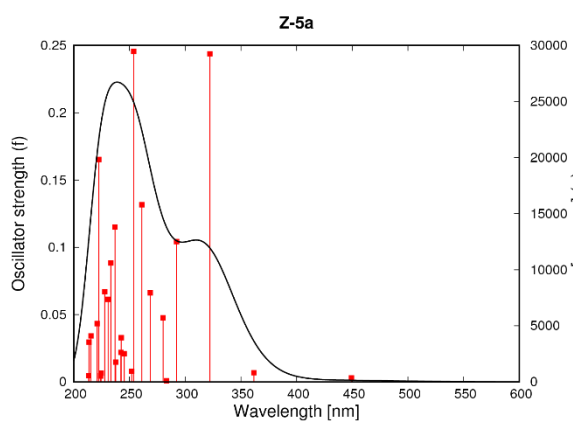
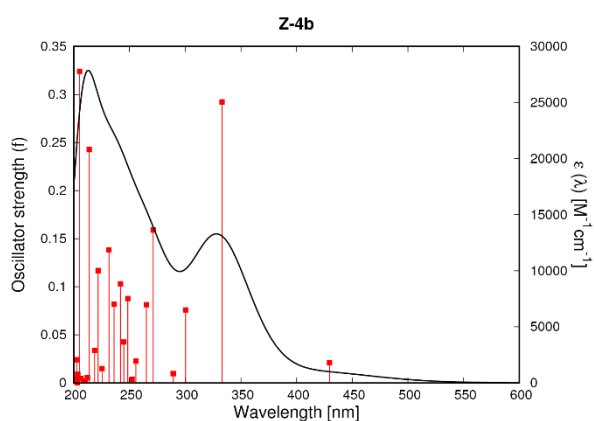
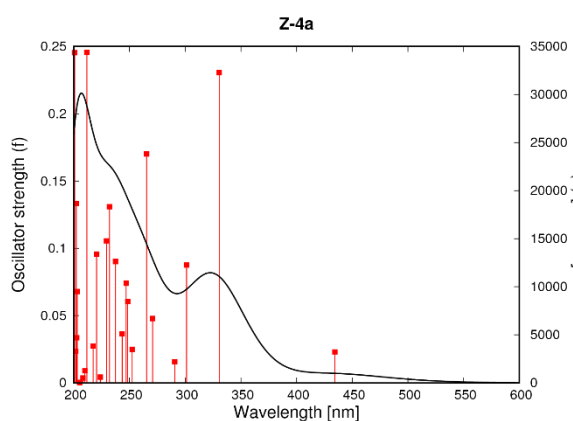
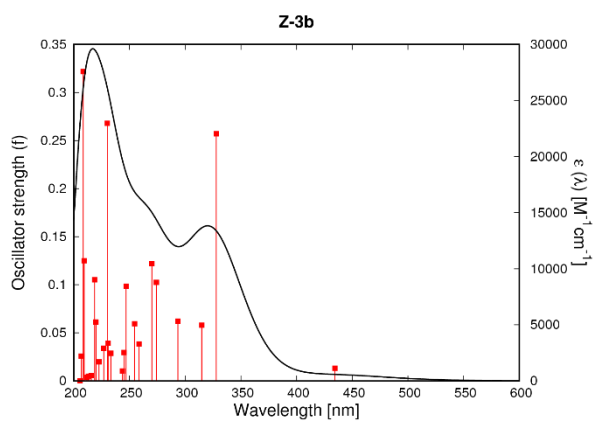
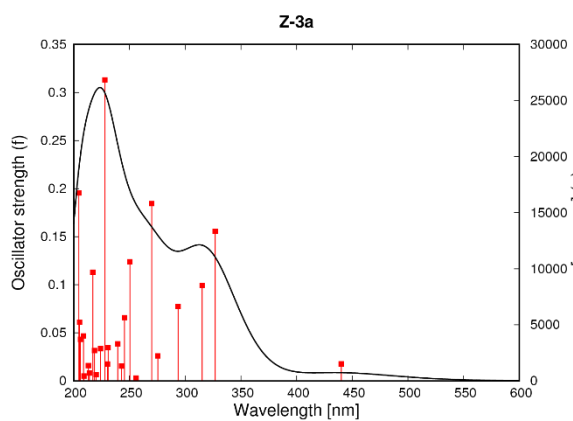
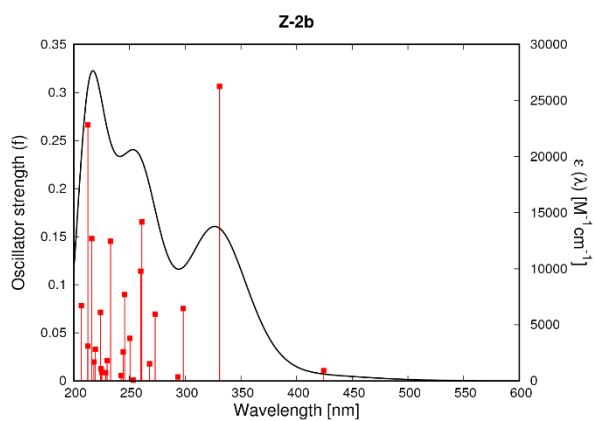
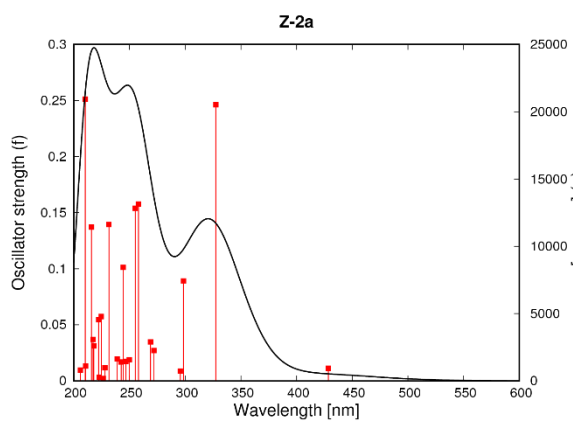


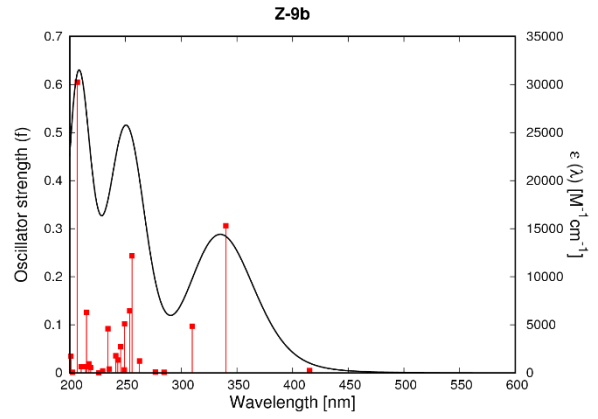
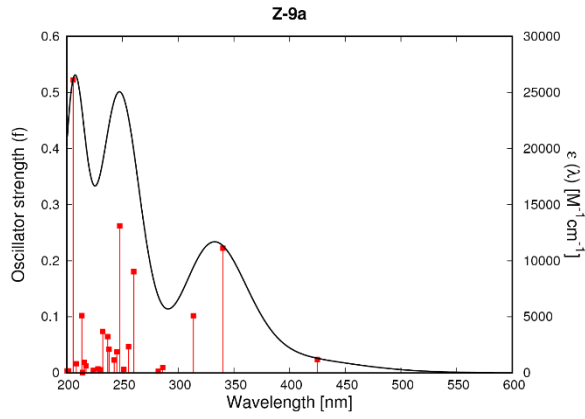
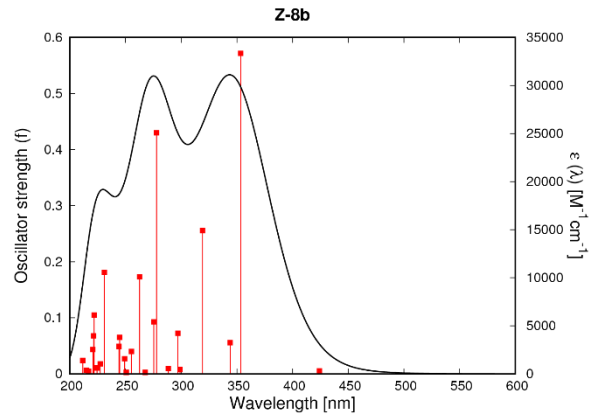
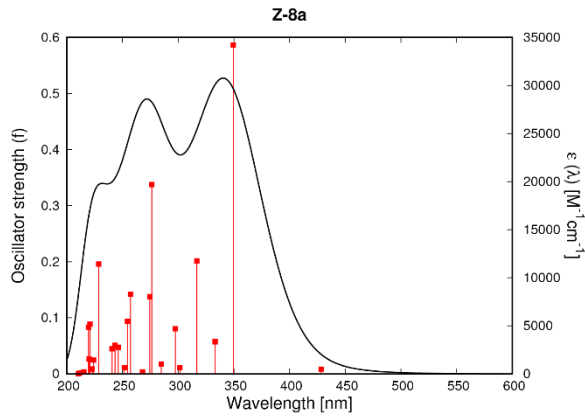
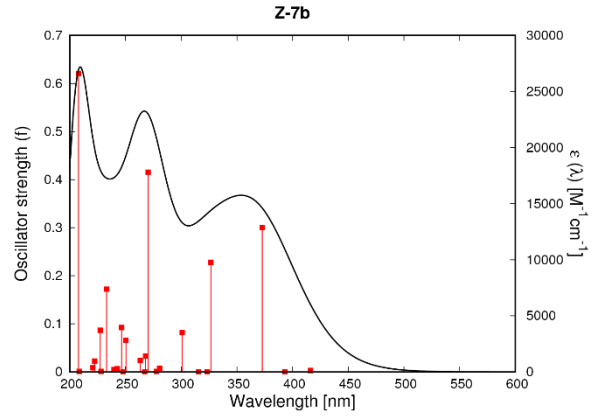
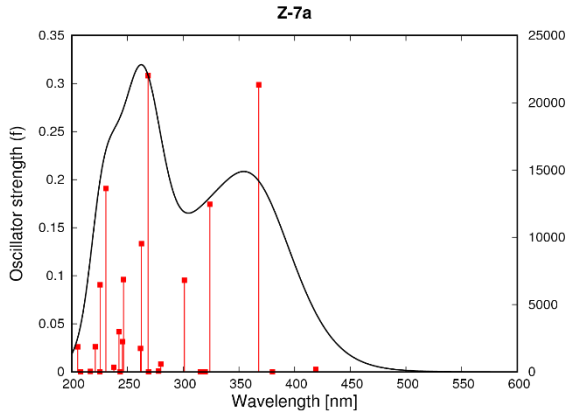
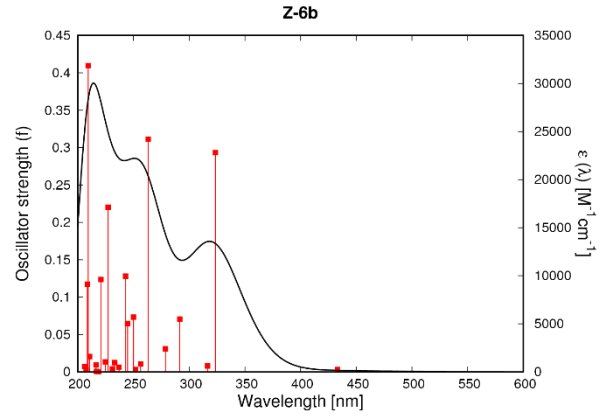
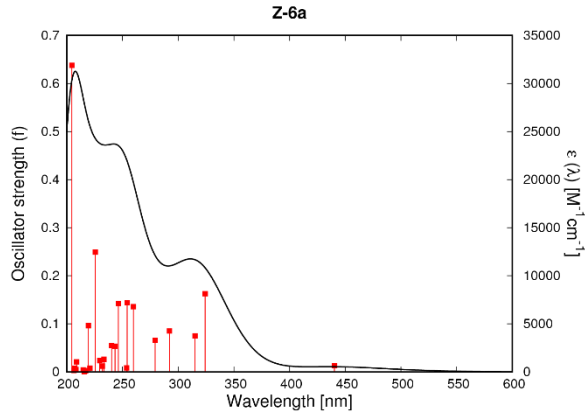


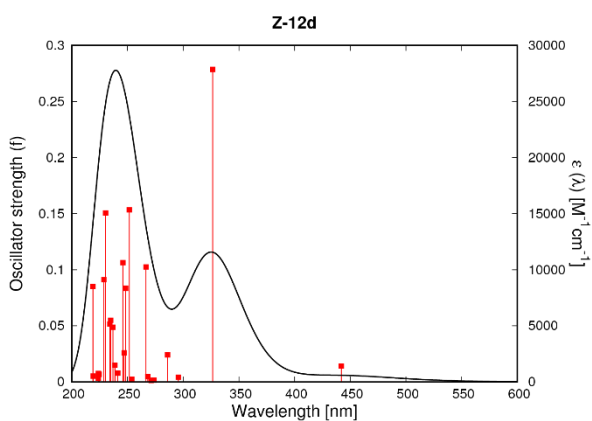
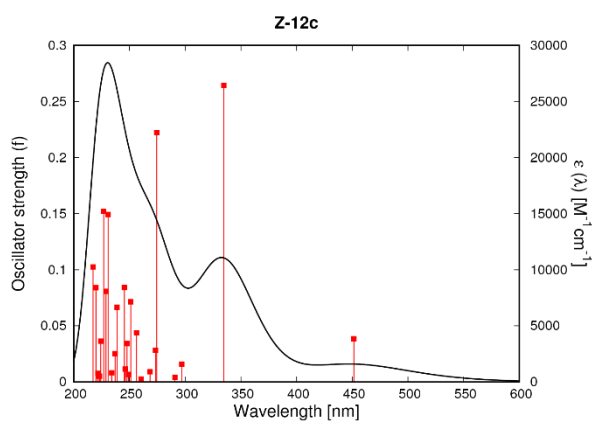
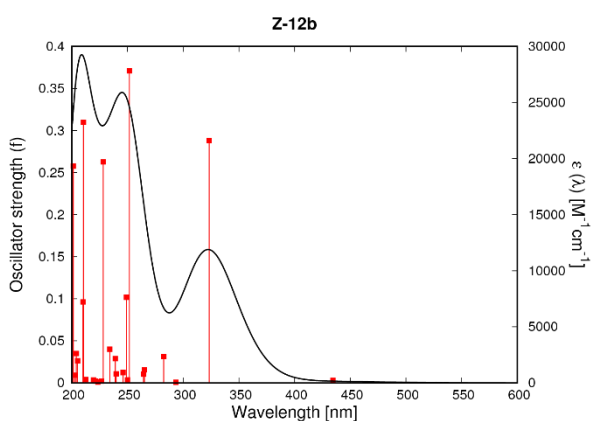
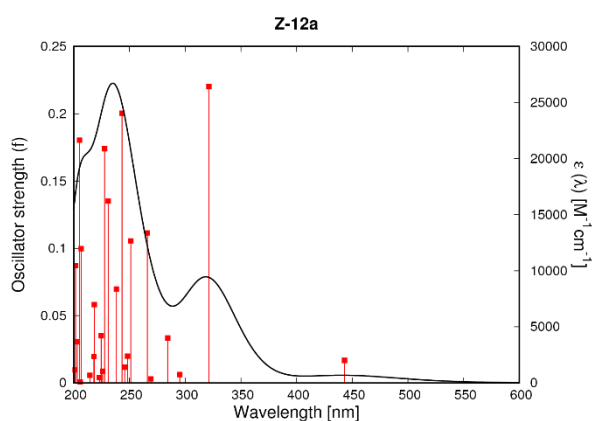
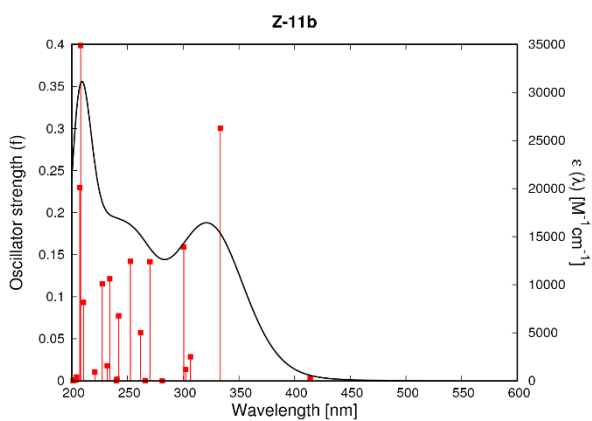
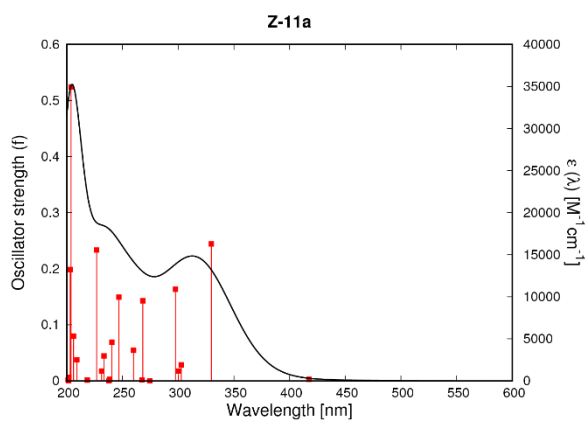
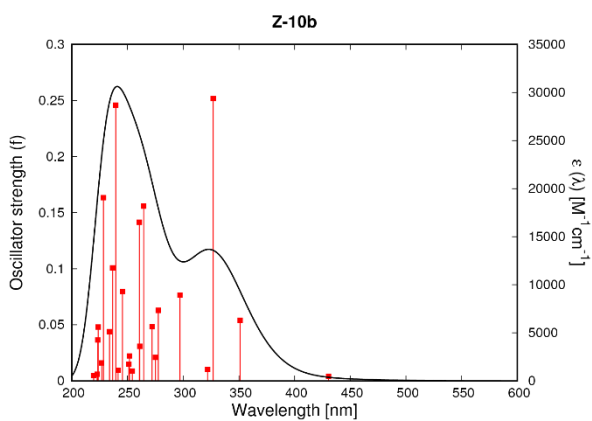
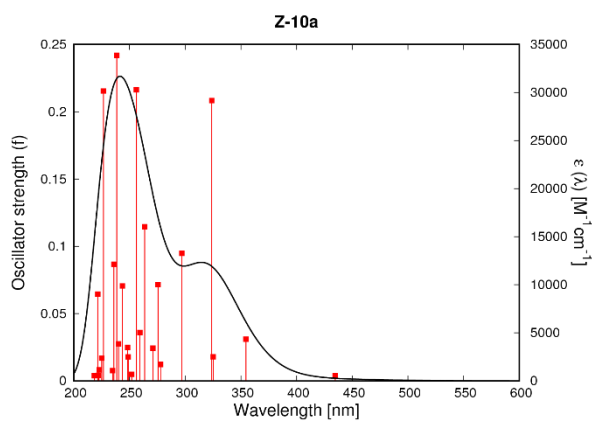




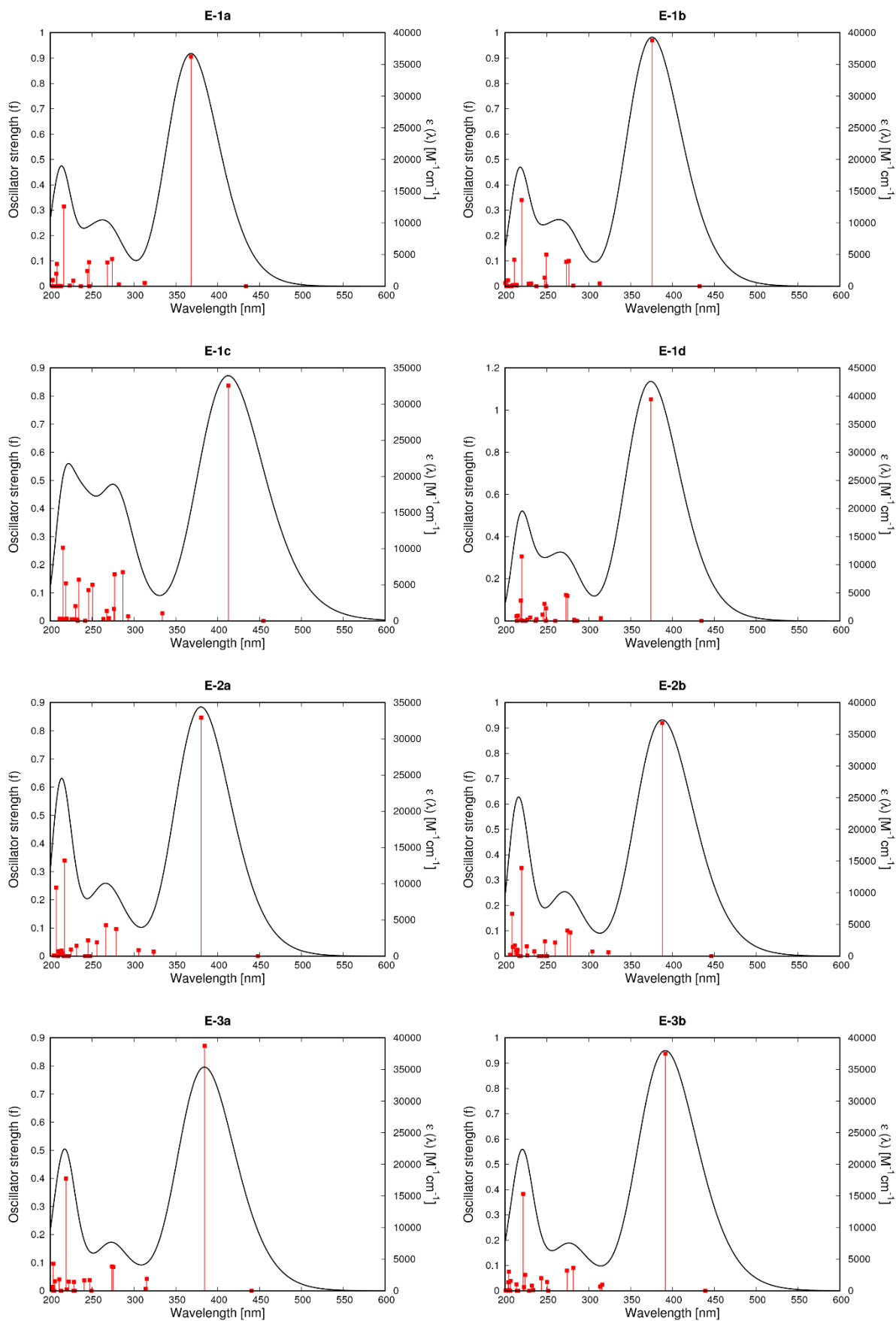


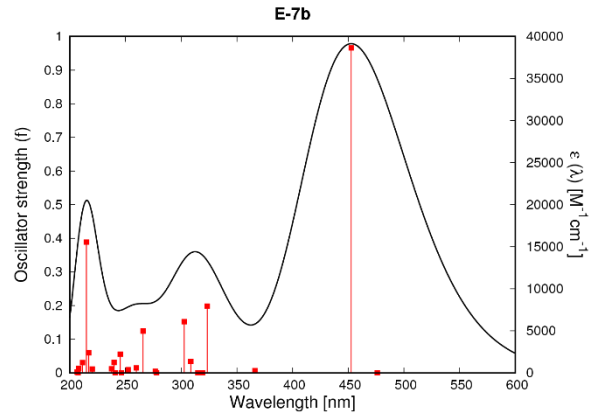
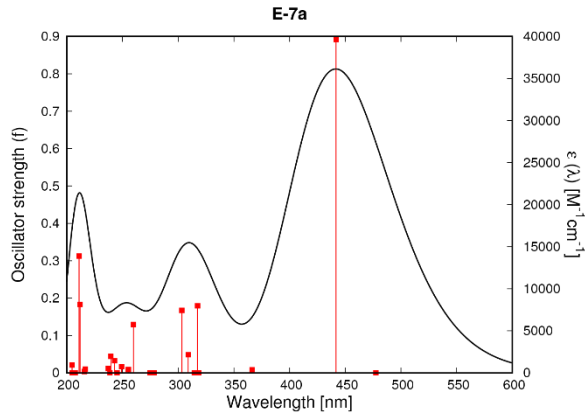
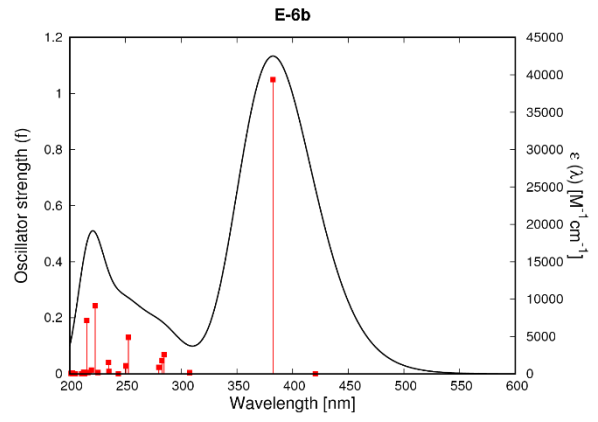
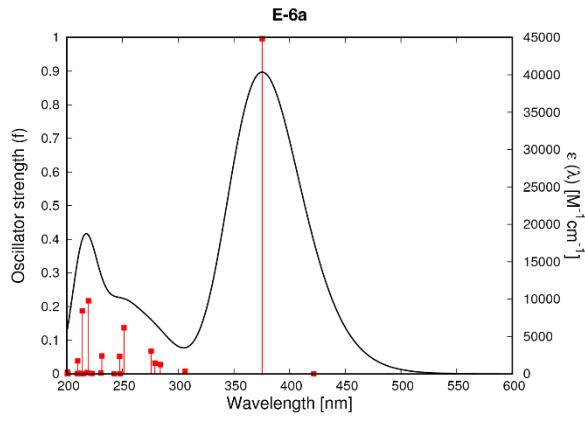
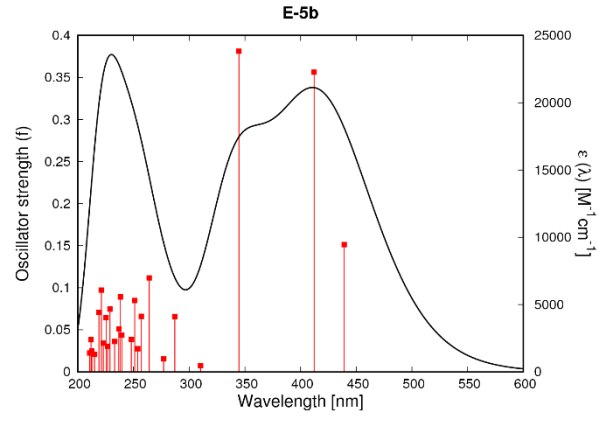
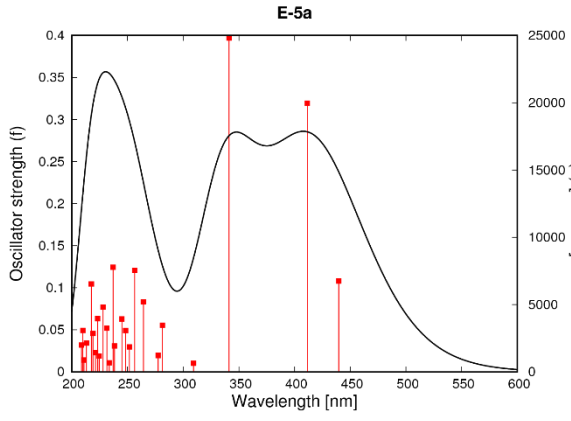
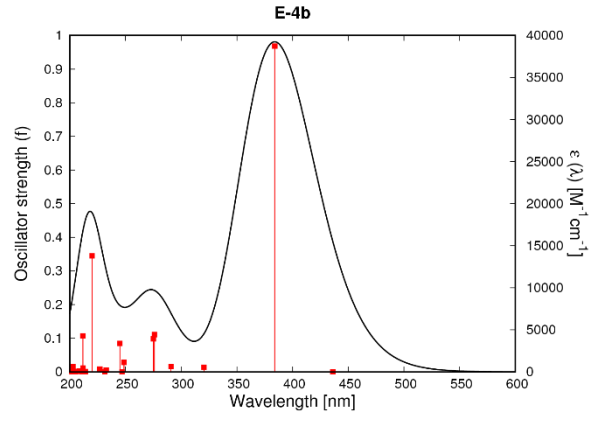
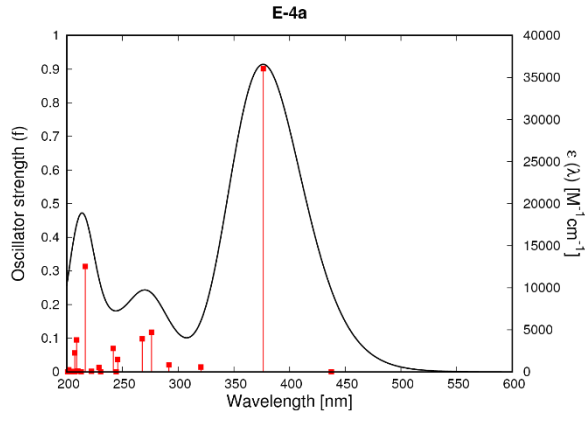


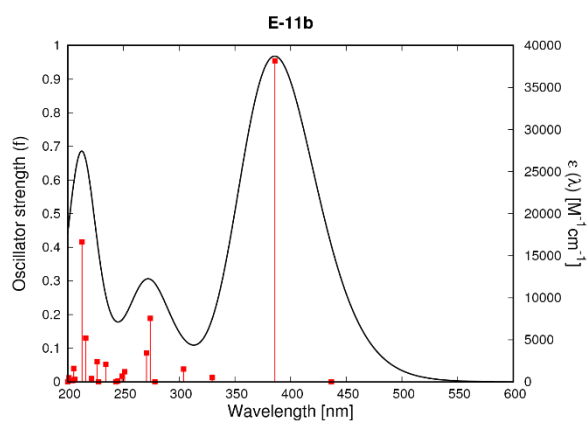
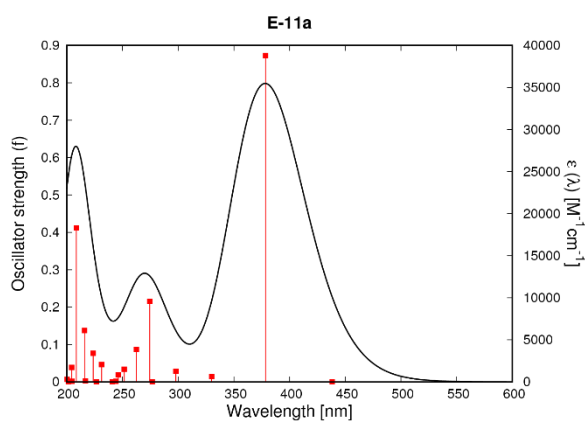
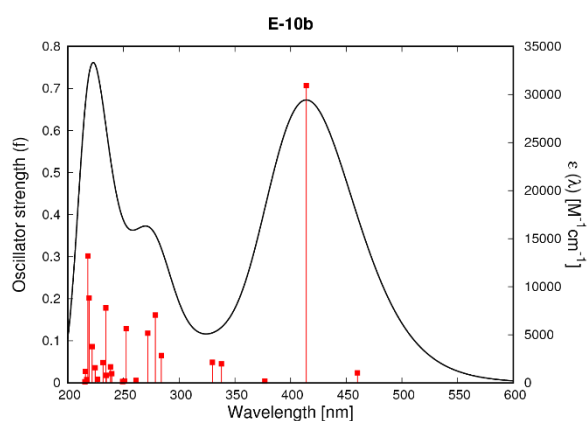
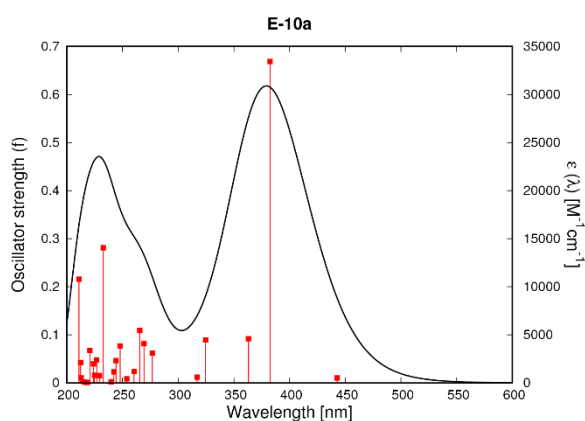
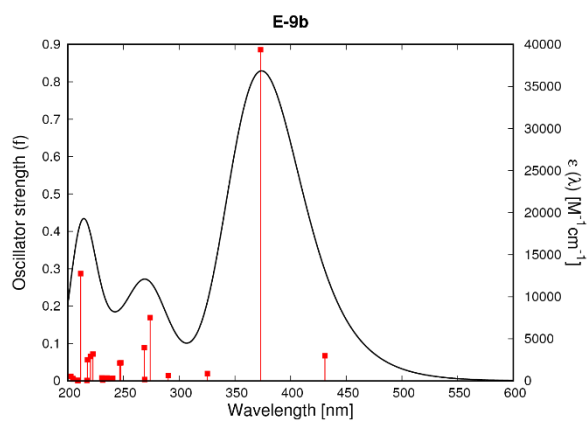
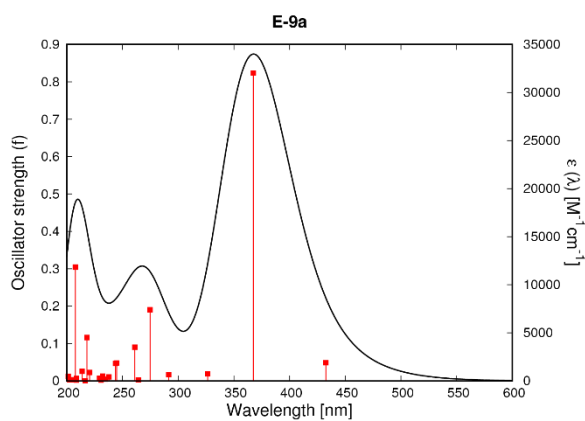
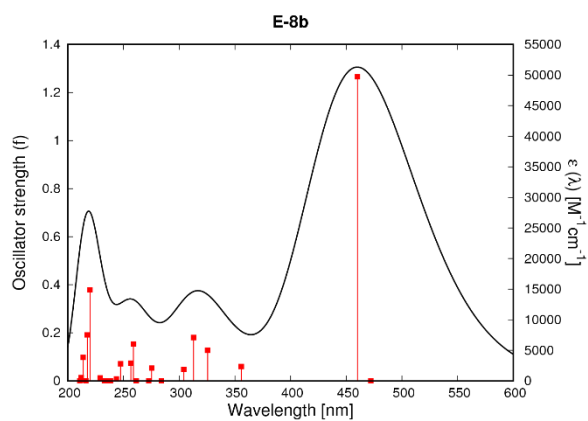
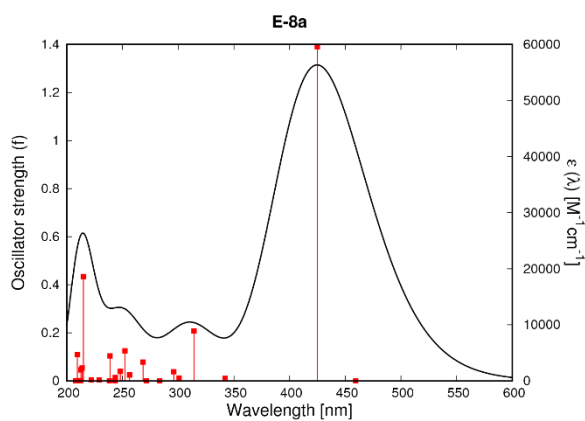


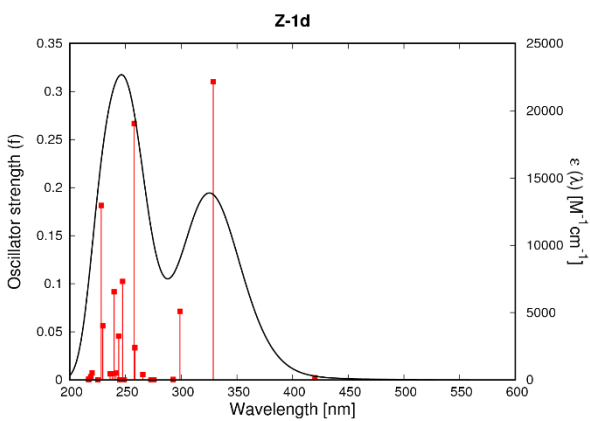
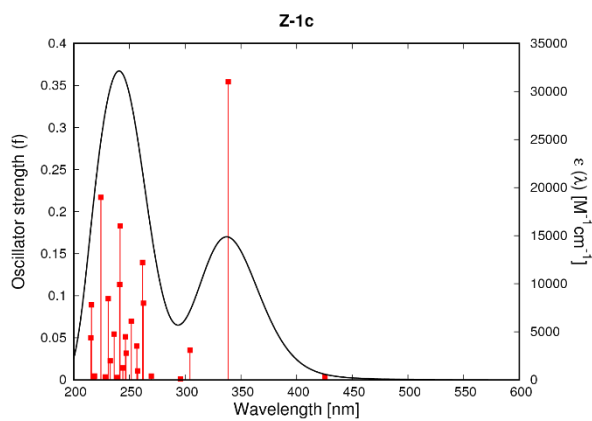
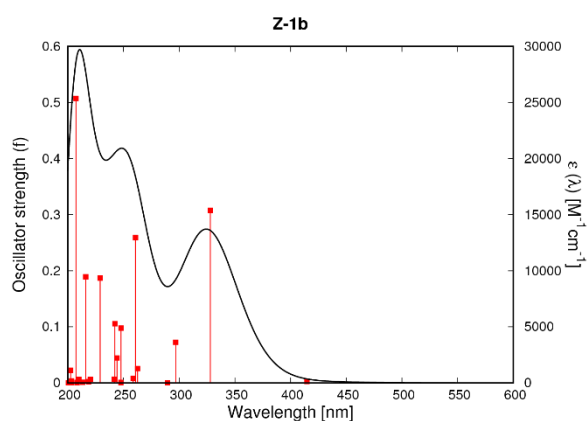
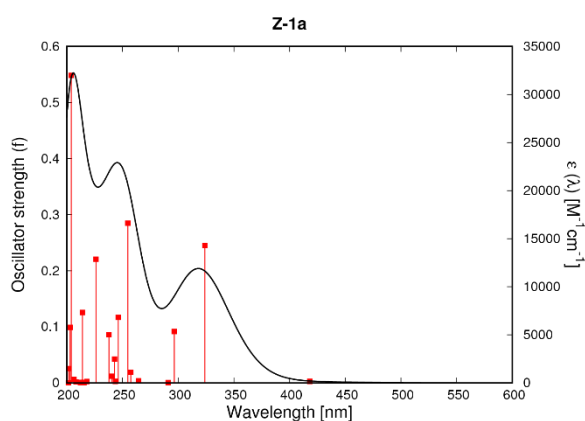
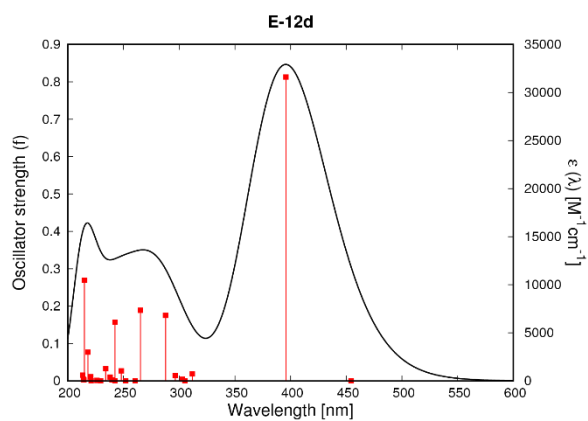
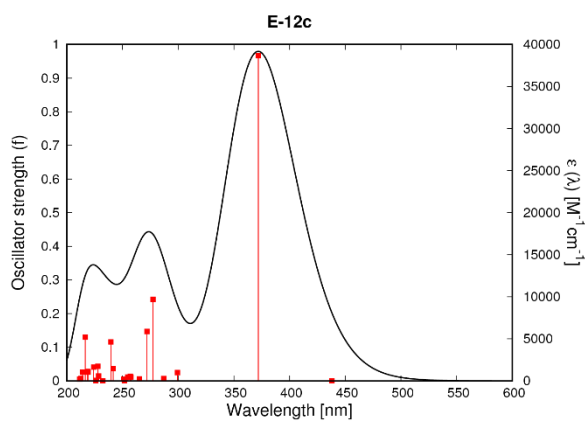
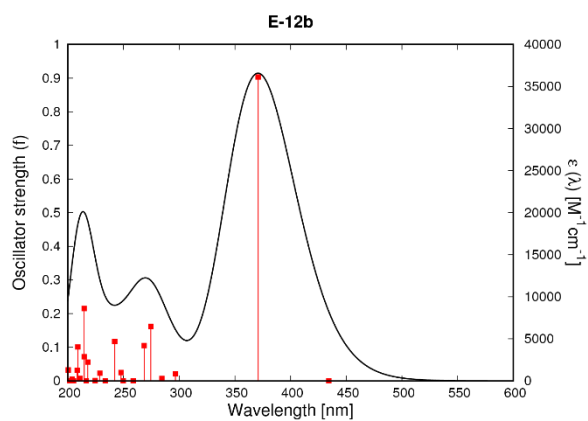
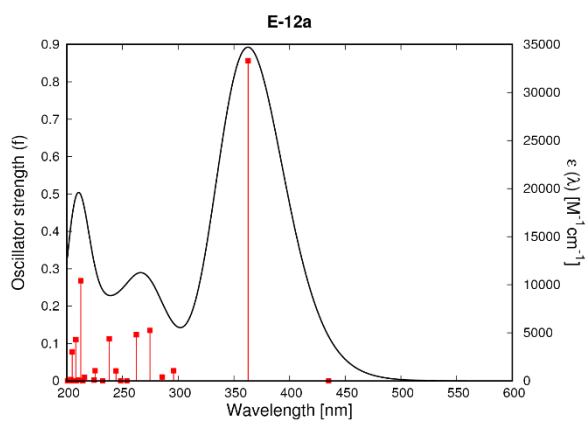


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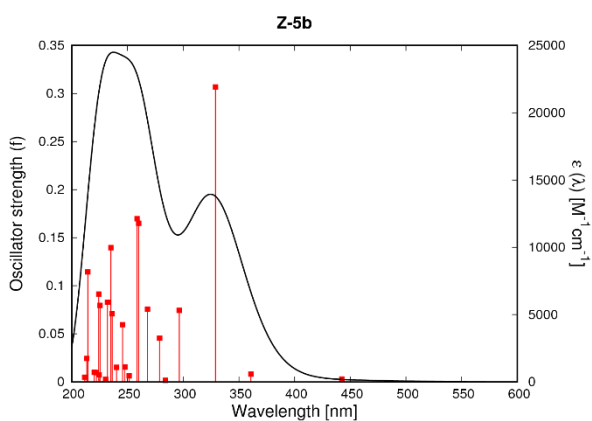
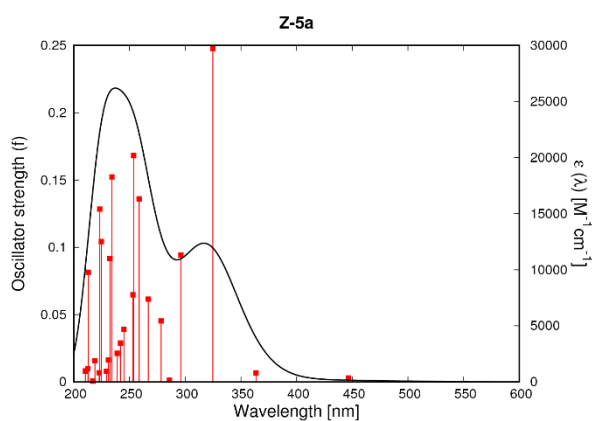
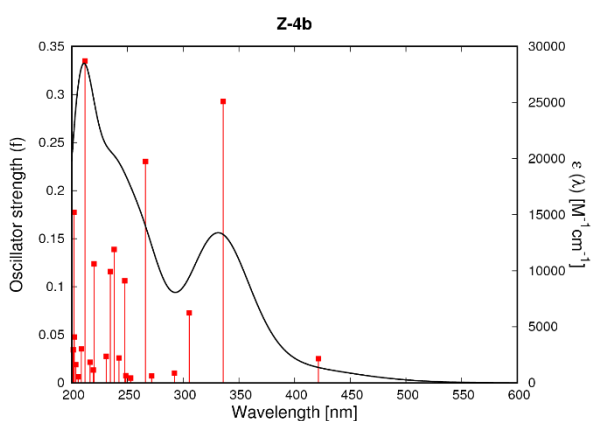
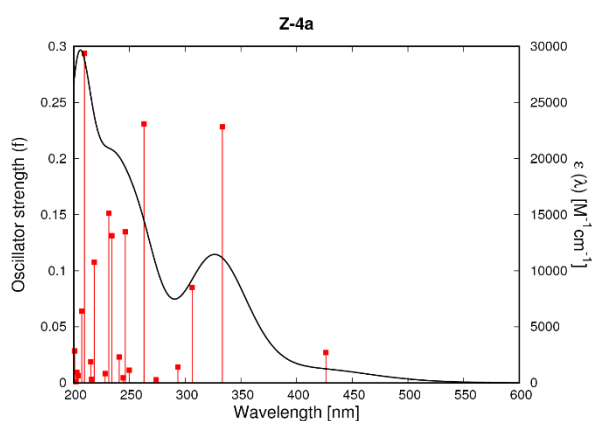
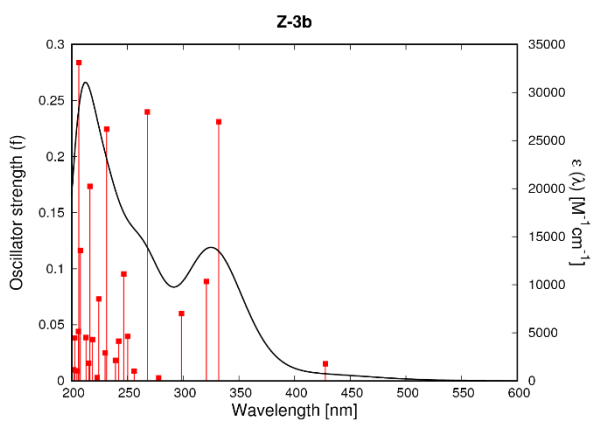
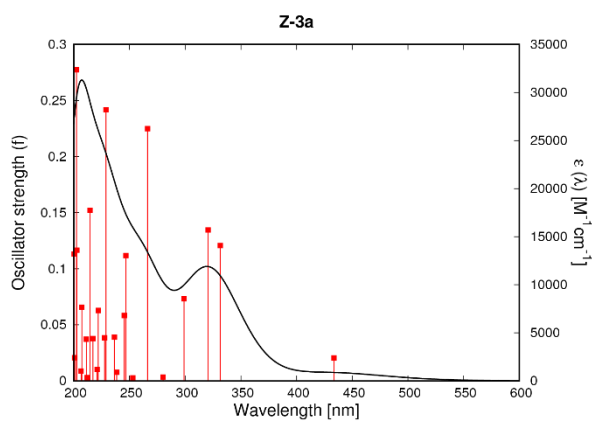
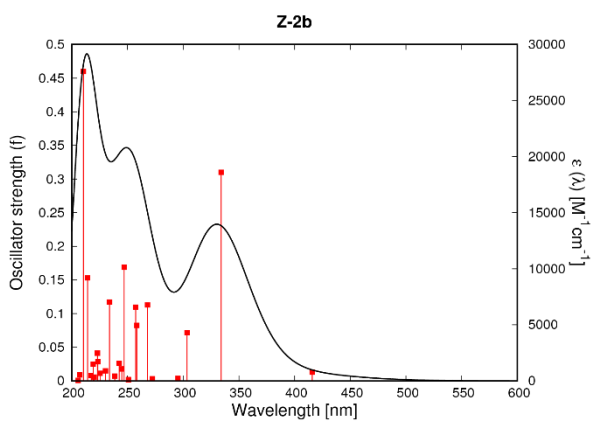
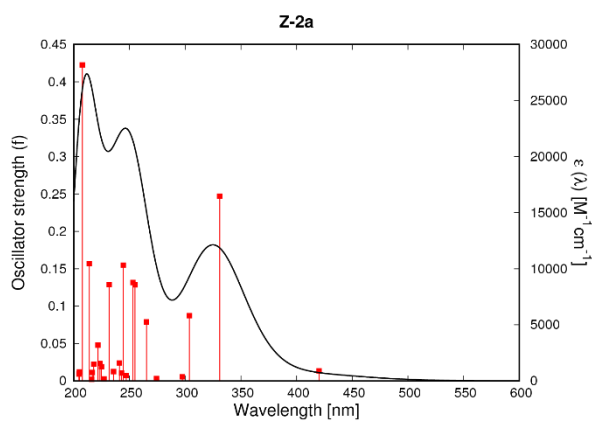


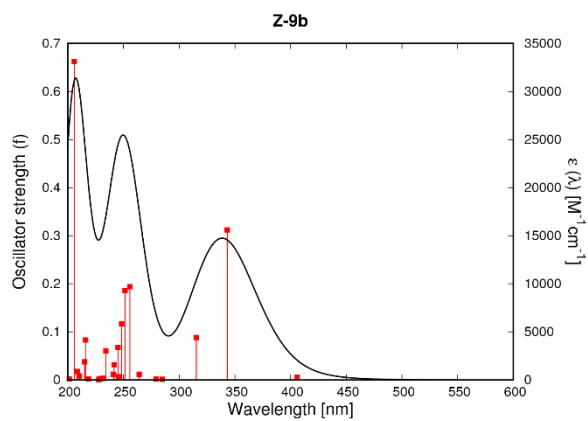
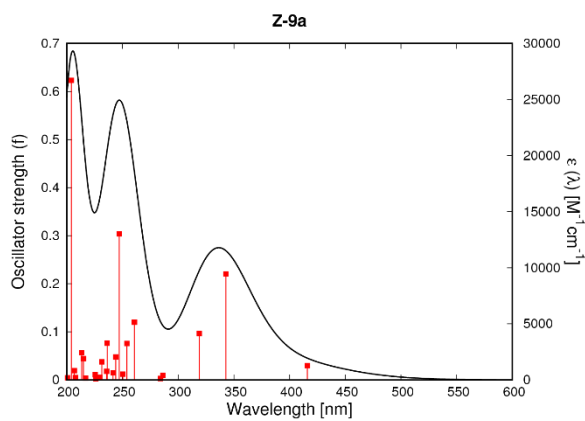
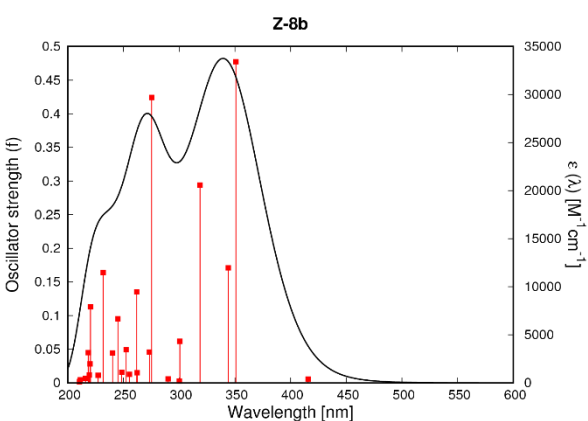
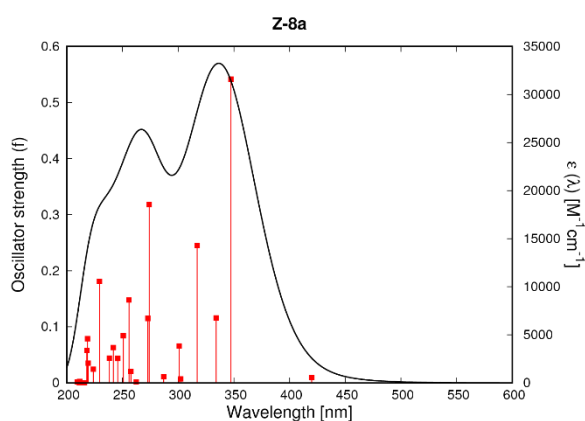
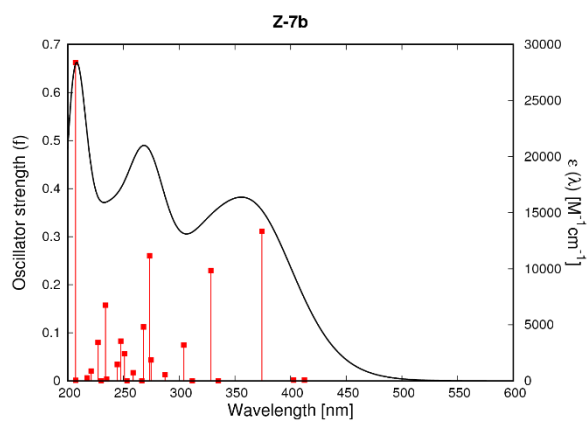
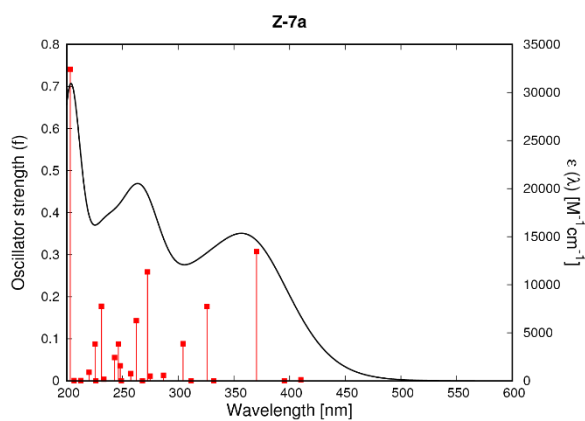
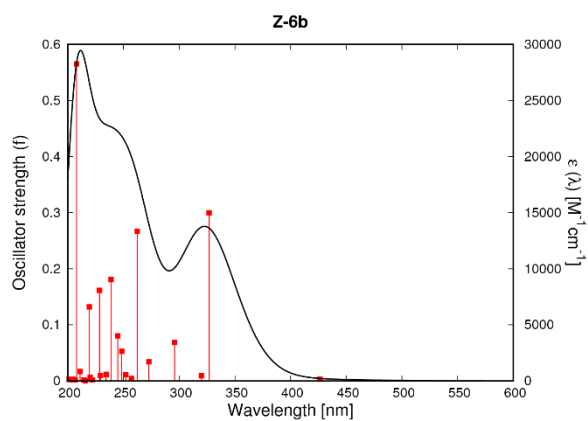
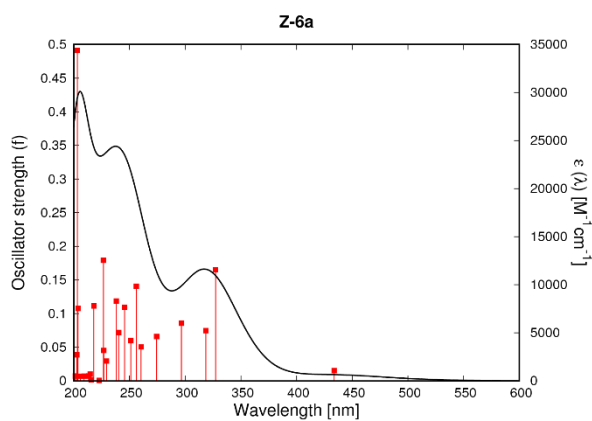


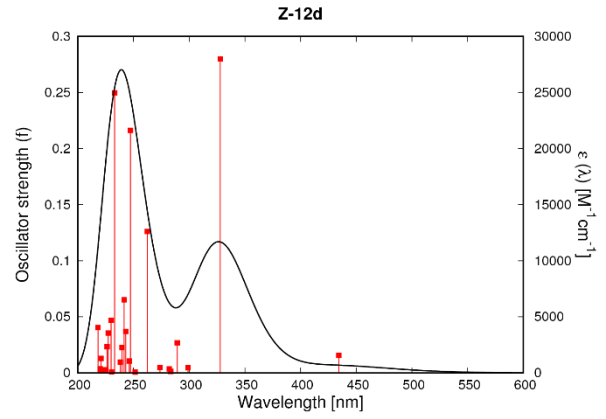
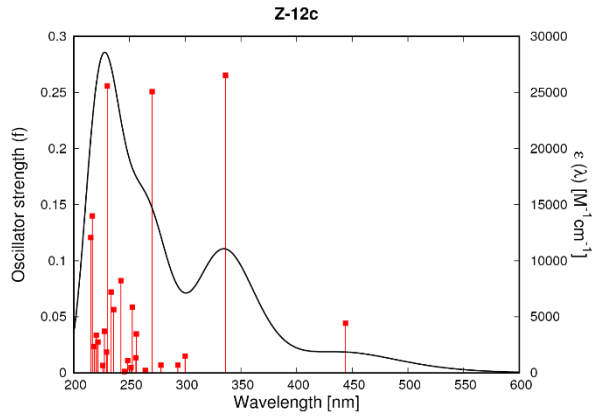
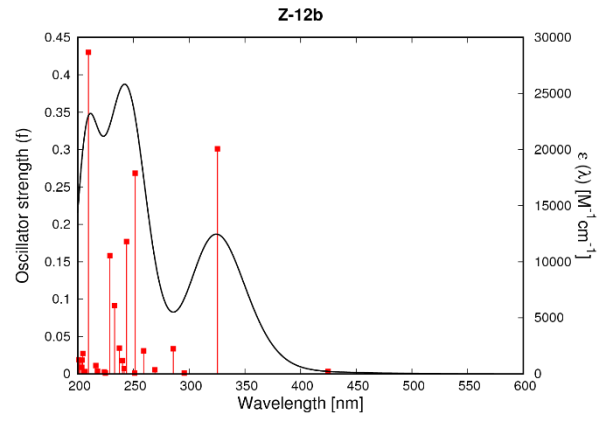
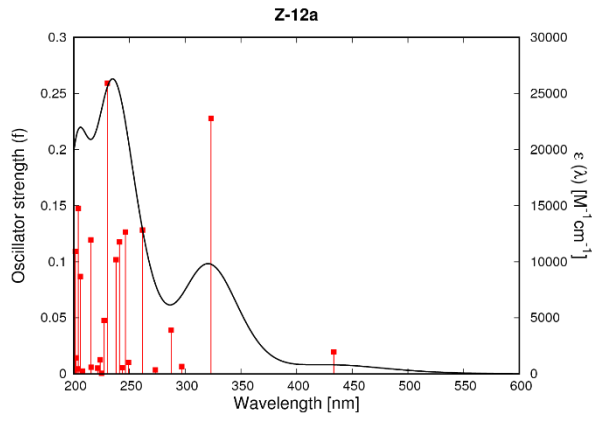
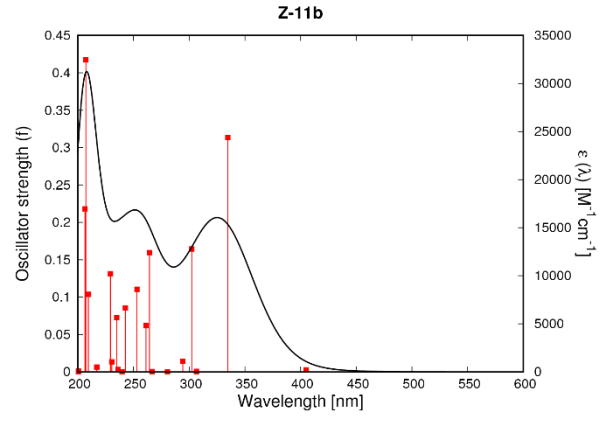
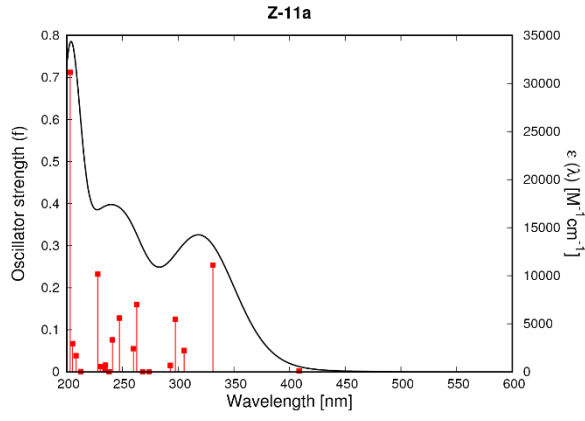
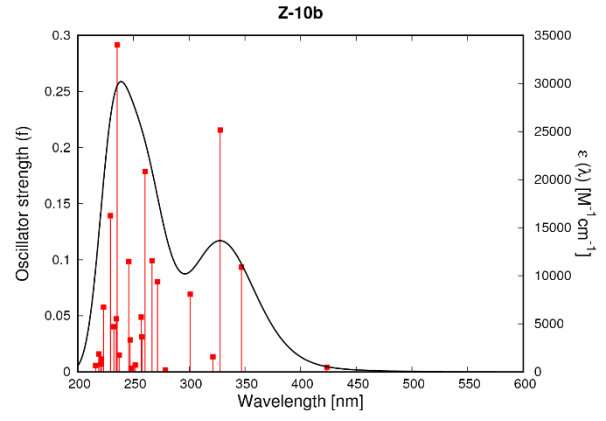
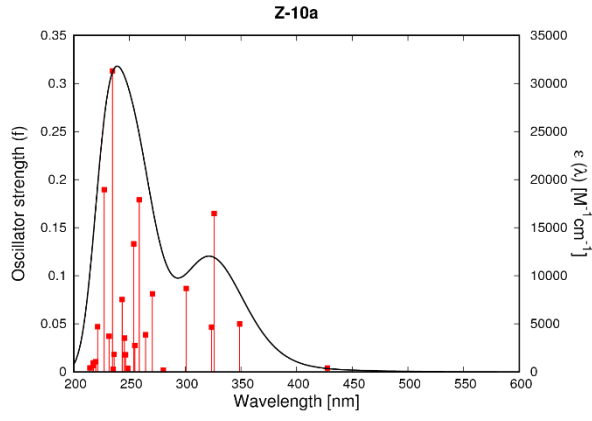




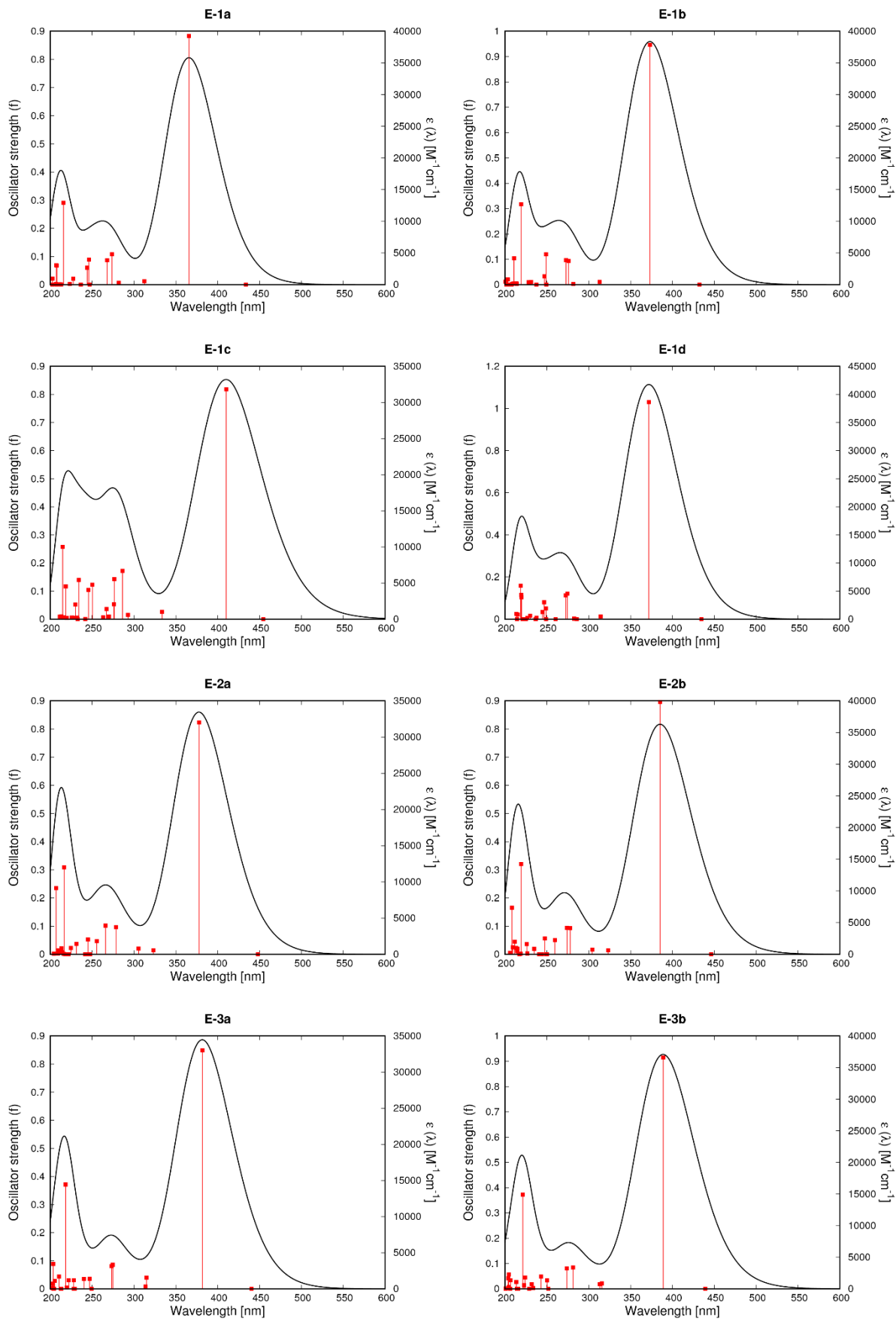


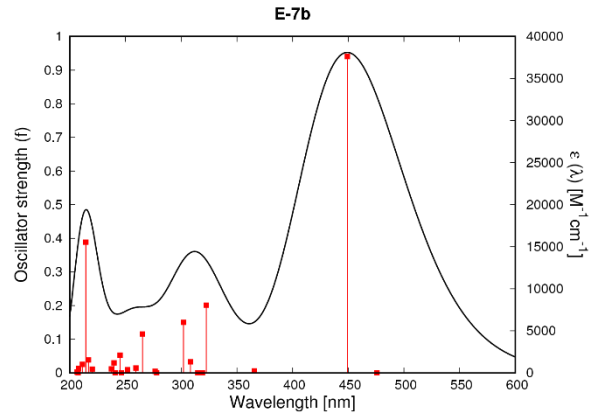
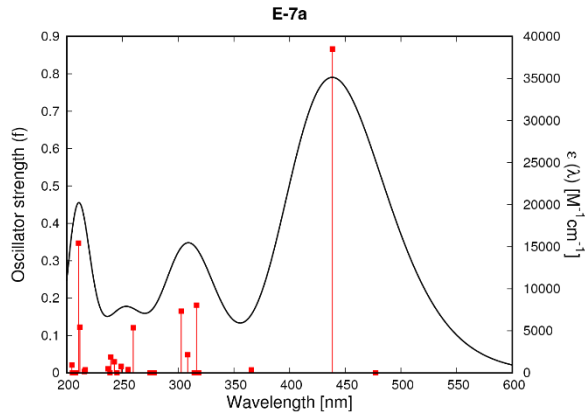
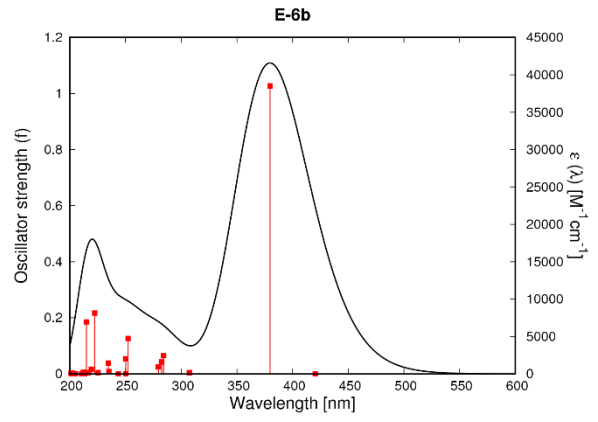
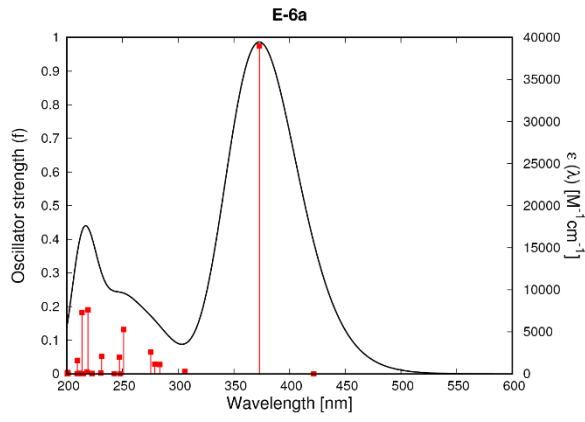
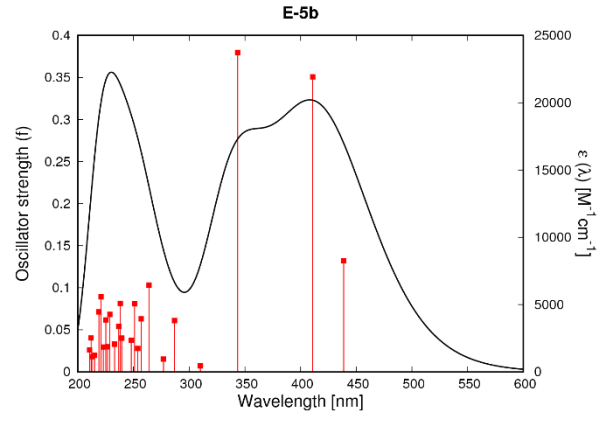
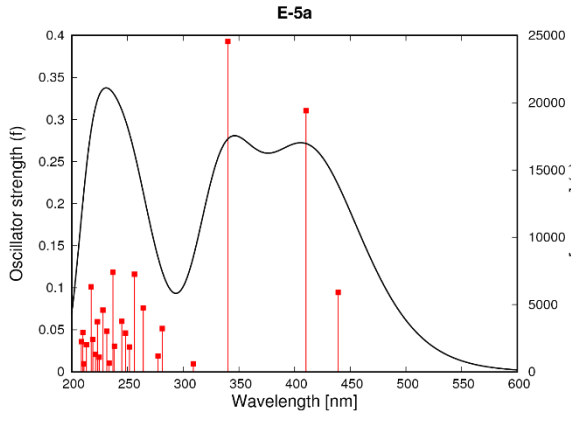
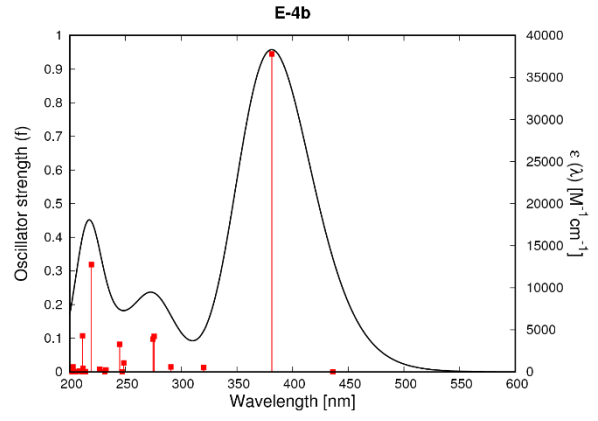
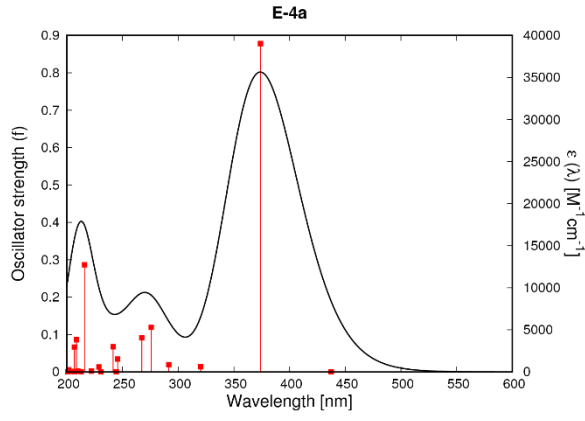


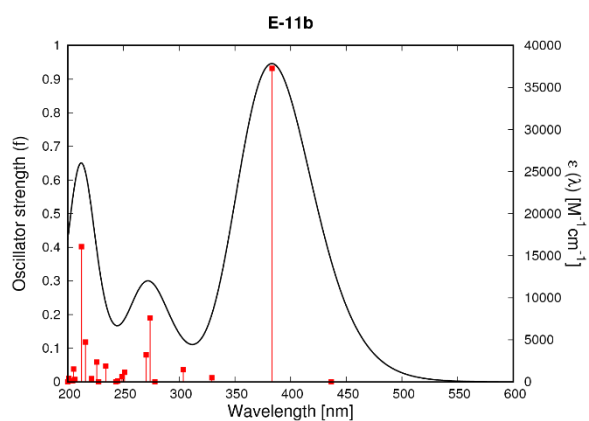
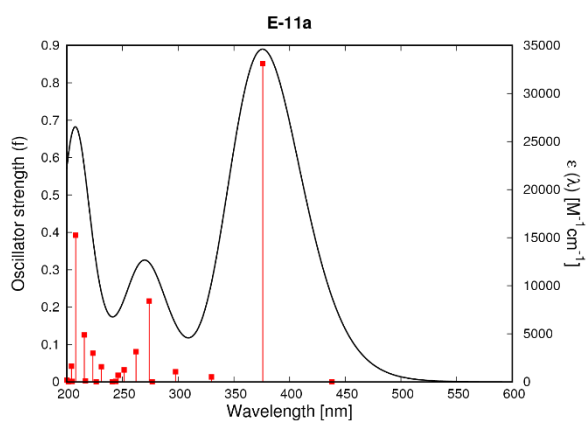
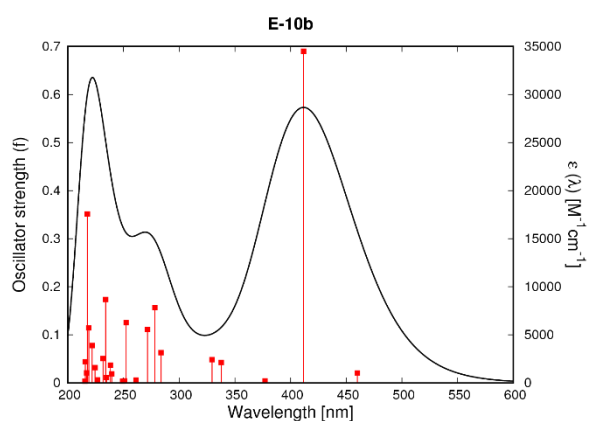
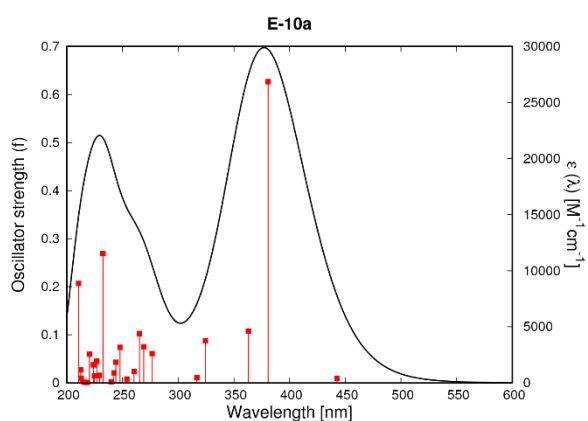
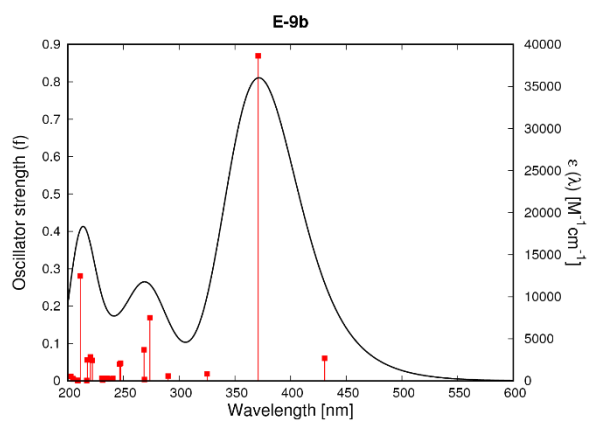
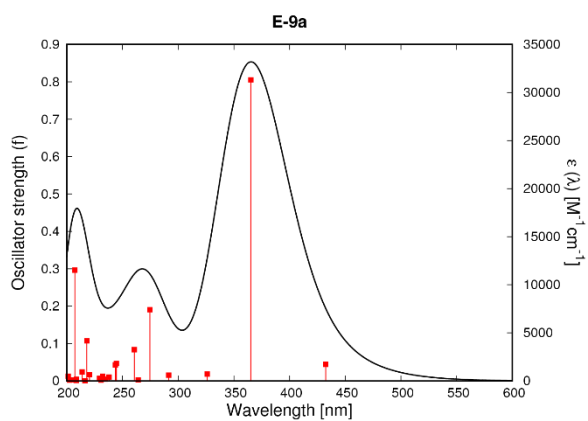
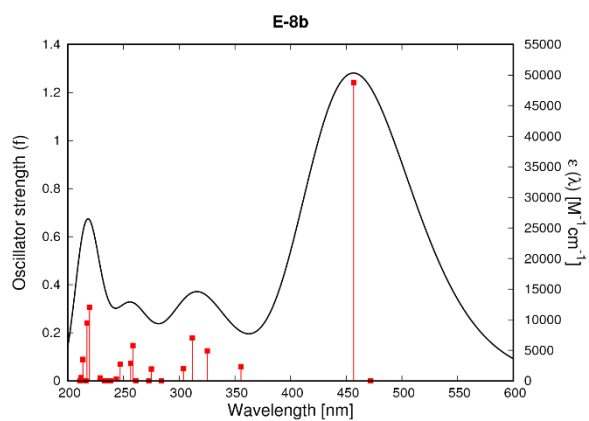
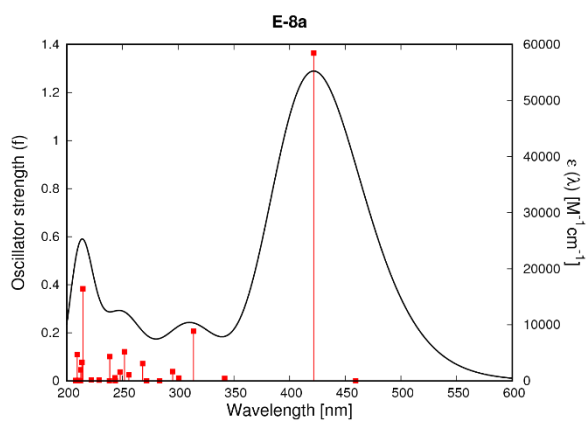


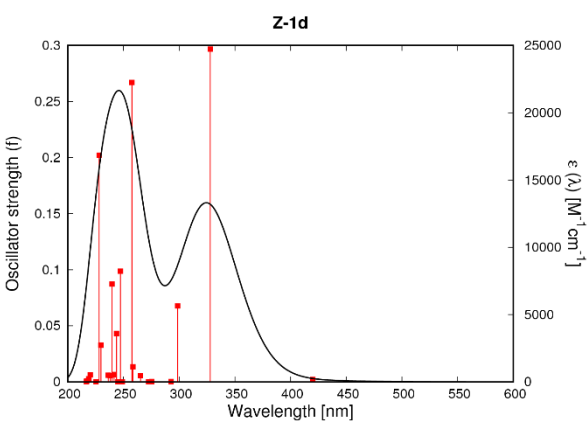
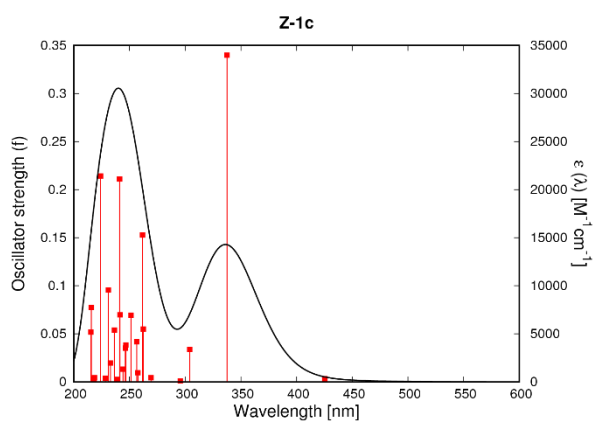
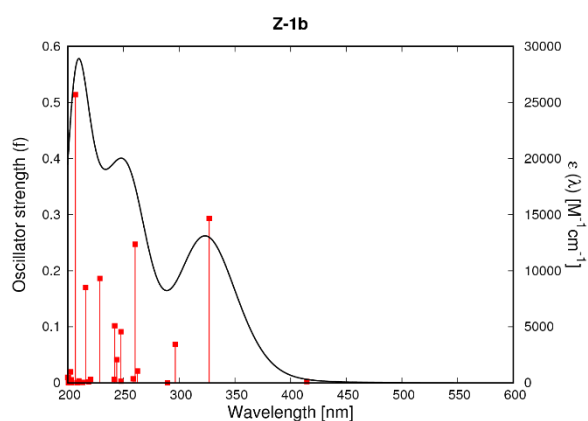
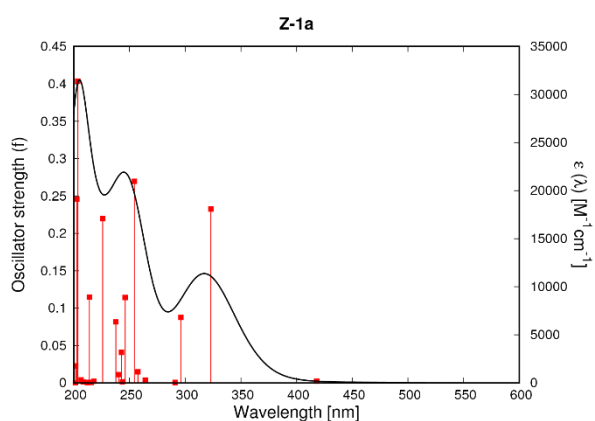
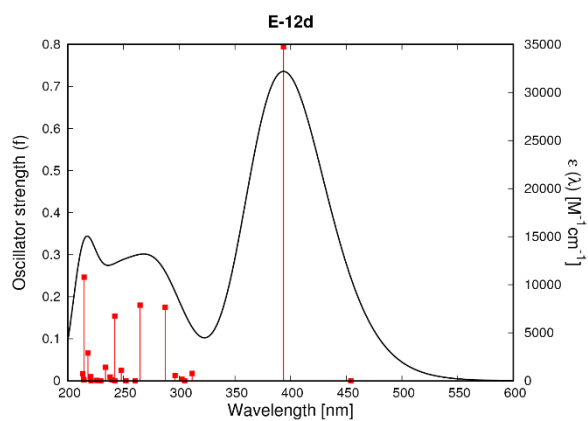
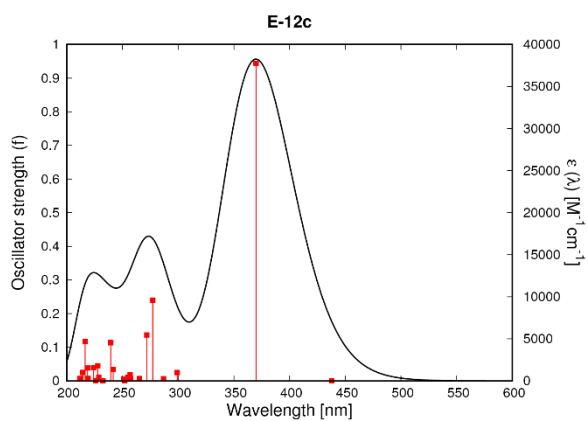
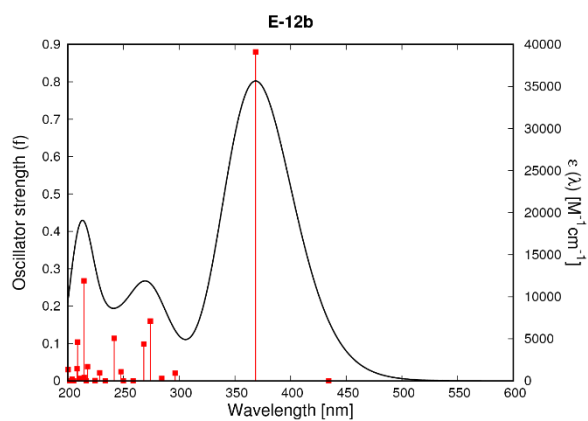
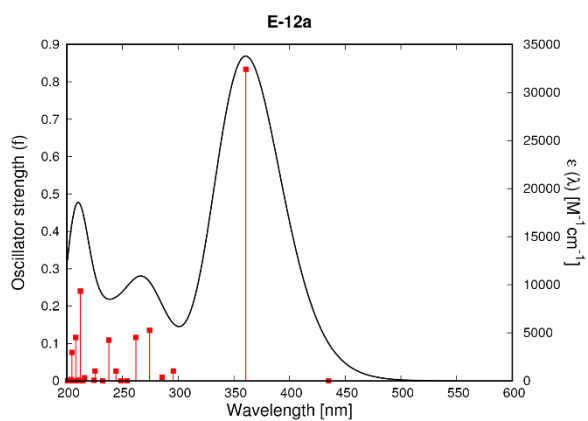


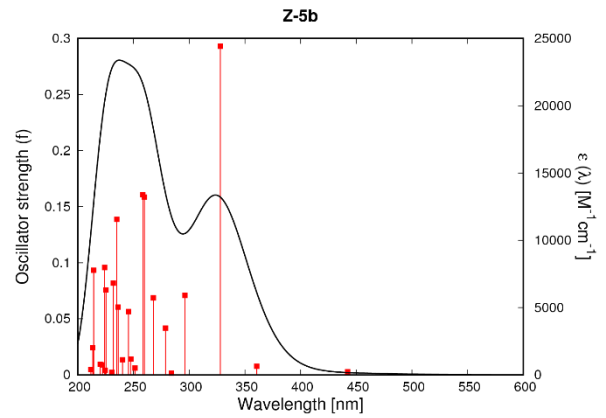
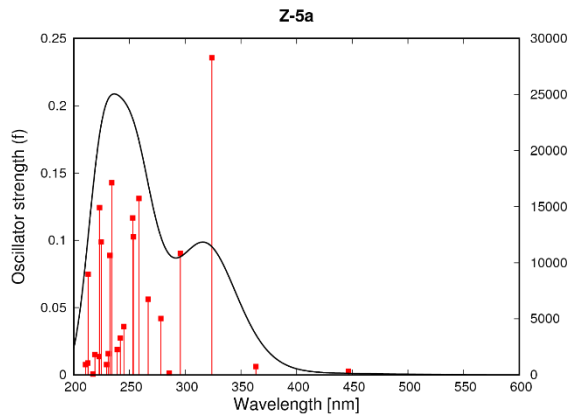
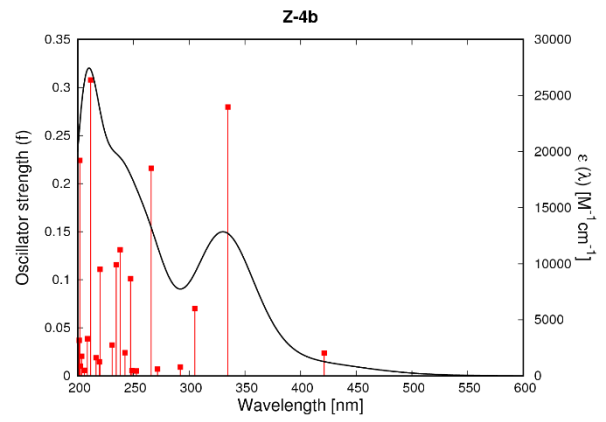
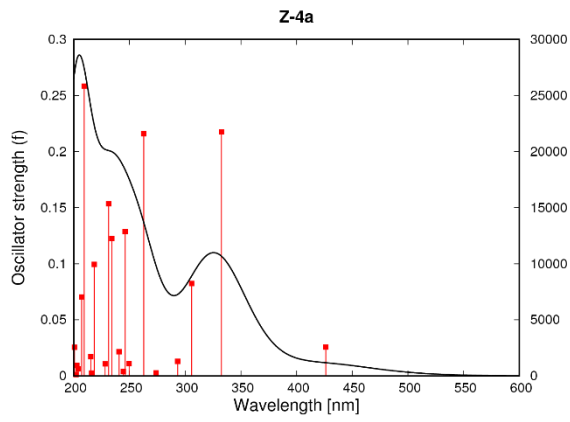
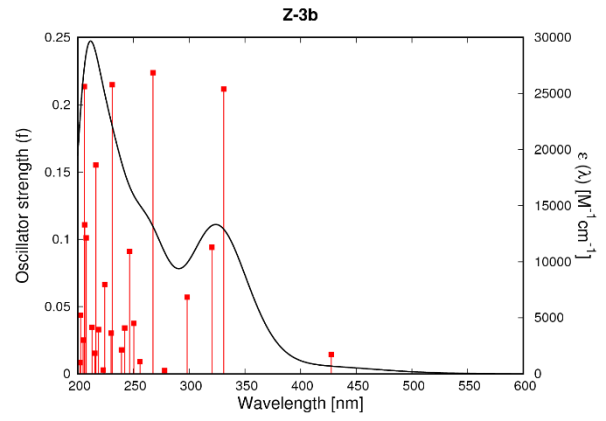
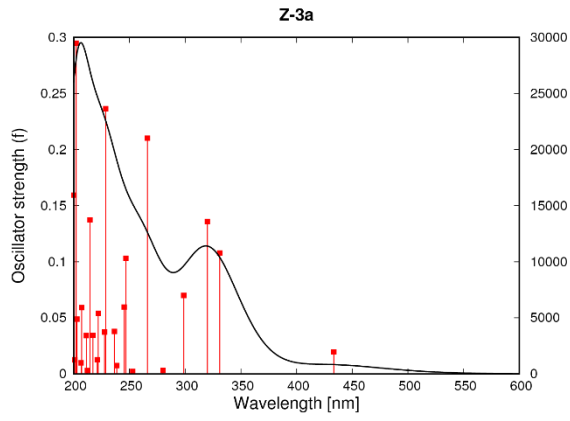
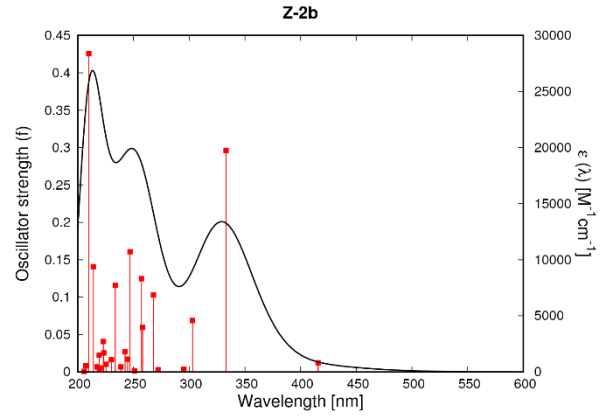
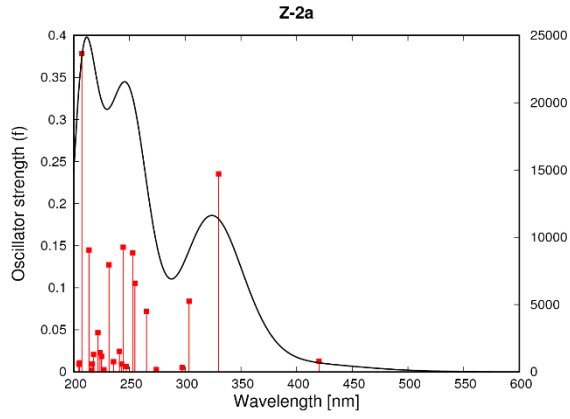
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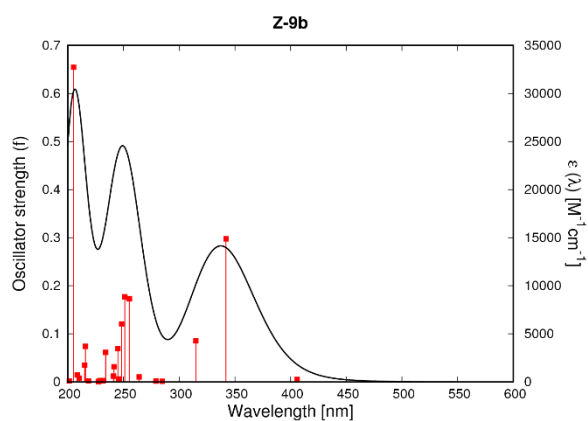
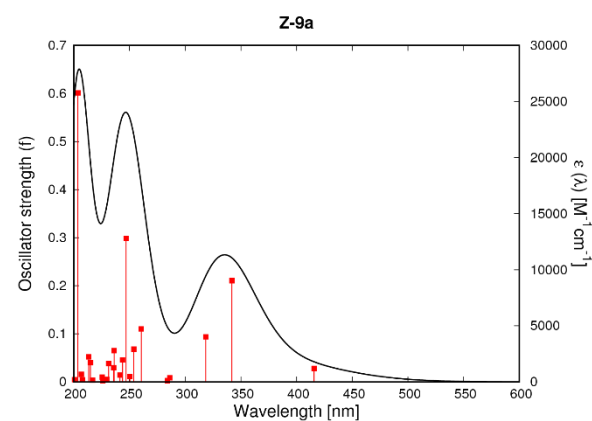
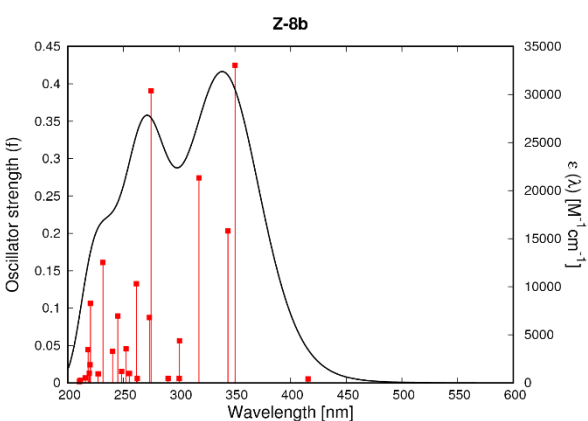
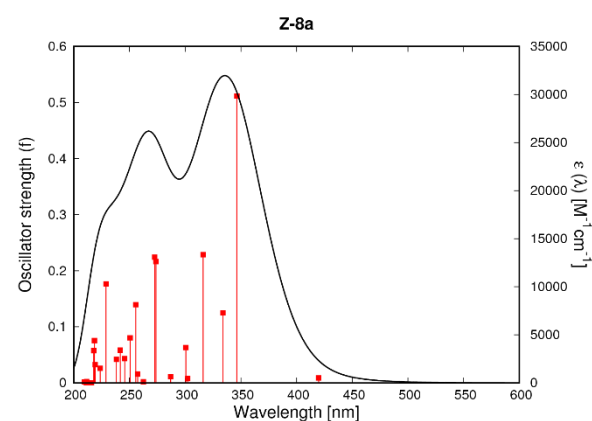
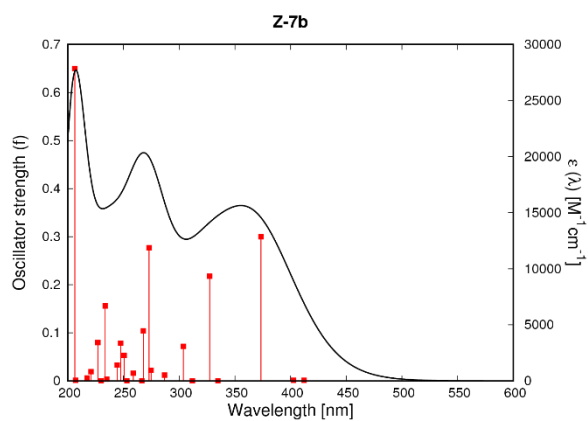
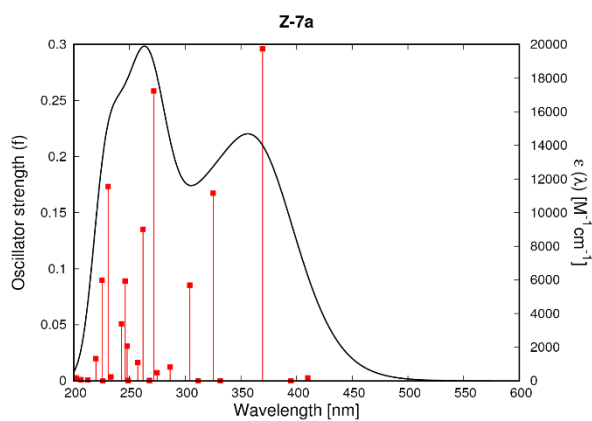
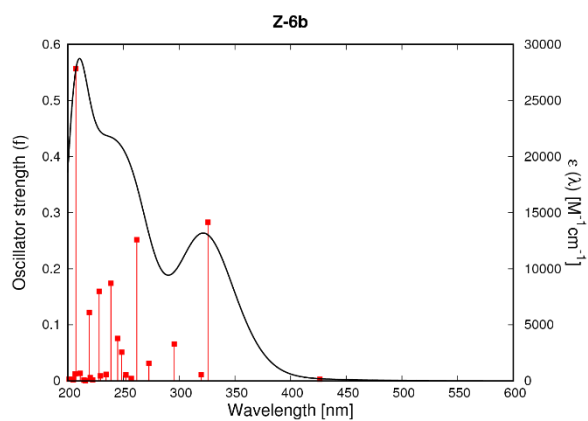
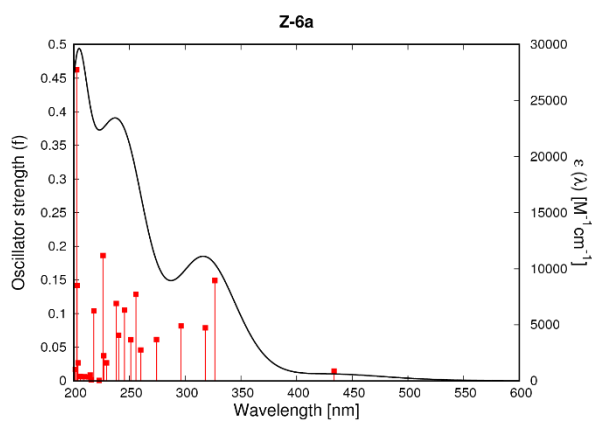


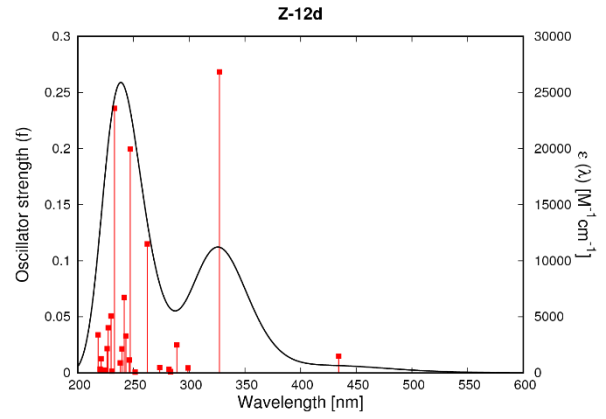
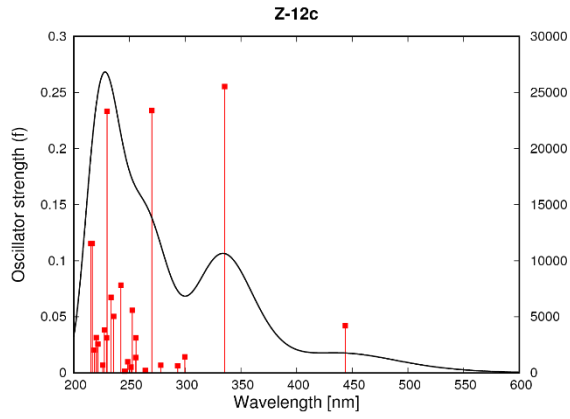
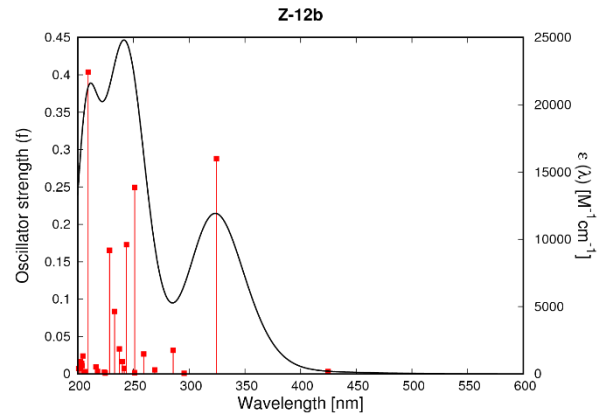
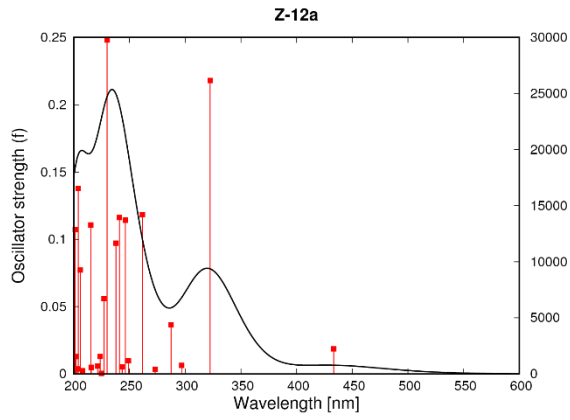
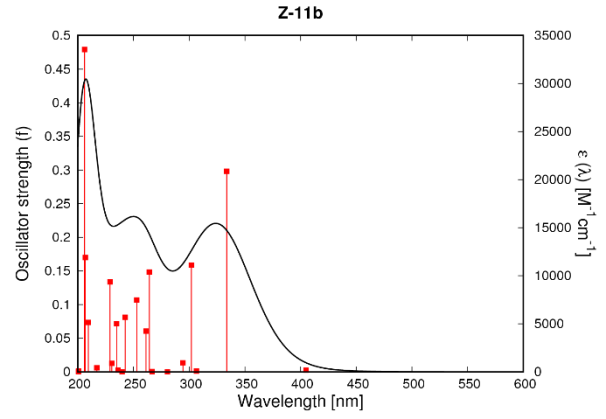
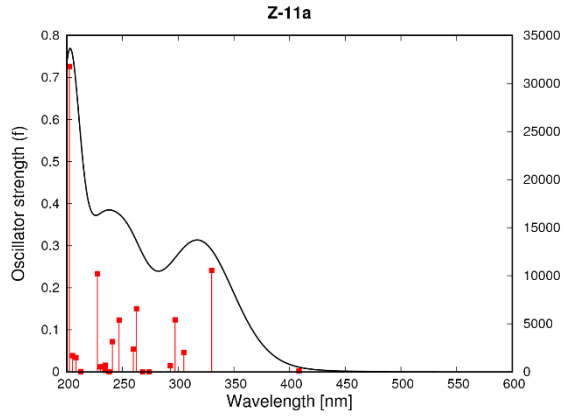
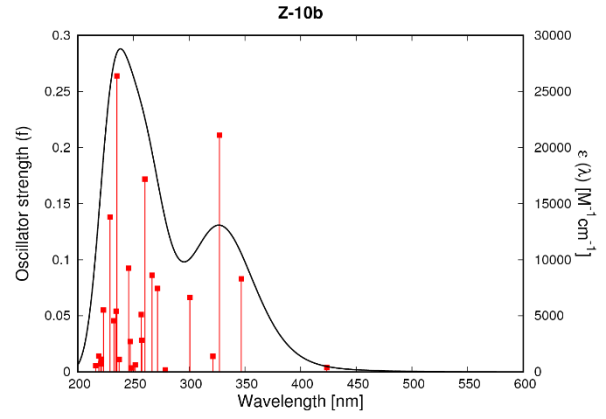
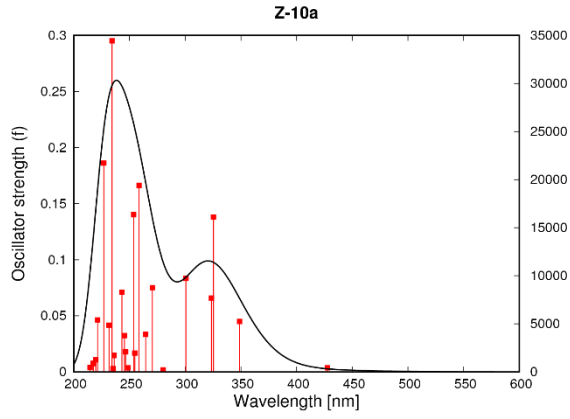












### 7.3. Electronic transitions

The five lowest transitions computed in the TD single-point calculations (25 states in total) are reported. For each excited state the energy (in eV), the associated wavelength (in nm) and the oscillator strength of the transition is given. The numbers of the orbitals involved in the transition (with general formula occupied  $\rightarrow$  unoccupied) and the associated (largest) coefficient in the CI expansion is printed.

#### 7.3.1. Transitions in Vacuum

##### ***E-1a***

Excited State 1: 2.7932 eV 443.88nm f=0.0000

57  $\rightarrow$  59      0.70049

Excited State 2: 3.5782 eV 346.50nm f=0.7581

58  $\rightarrow$  59      0.69987

Excited State 3: 4.0926 eV 302.95nm f=0.0062

56  $\rightarrow$  59      0.67272

58  $\rightarrow$  60      0.18604

Excited State 4: 4.3920 eV 282.29nm f=0.0050

54  $\rightarrow$  59      0.55691

55  $\rightarrow$  59     -0.34153

55  $\rightarrow$  61     -0.11106

58  $\rightarrow$  61      0.22951

Excited State 5: 4.5765 eV 270.92nm f=0.1071

54  $\rightarrow$  59      0.32144

55  $\rightarrow$  59      0.58703

56  $\rightarrow$  60     -0.15070

##### ***E-1b***

Excited State 1: 2.7986 eV 443.02nm f=0.0000

61  $\rightarrow$  63      0.69992

Excited State 2: 3.5160 eV 352.63nm f=0.8222

62  $\rightarrow$  63      0.70084

Excited State 3: 4.0838 eV 303.60nm f=0.0029

60  $\rightarrow$  63      0.65334

62  $\rightarrow$  64      0.24433

Excited State 4: 4.3977 eV 281.93nm f=0.0022

58  $\rightarrow$  63      0.53901

59  $\rightarrow$  63     -0.34630

59  $\rightarrow$  65     -0.11066

62  $\rightarrow$  65      0.24949

Excited State 5: 4.5059 eV 275.16nm f=0.0728

60  $\rightarrow$  63     -0.23711

62  $\rightarrow$  64      0.63868

### ***E-1c***

Excited State 1: 2.6668 eV 464.92nm f=0.0000

77 → 79      0.69869

Excited State 2: 3.1819 eV 389.66nm f=0.7119

78 → 79      0.70527

Excited State 3: 3.8292 eV 323.79nm f=0.0302

76 → 79      0.68743

78 → 82      0.10575

Excited State 4: 4.2475 eV 291.90nm f=0.0654

74 → 79      0.17082

75 → 79      0.18013

78 → 80      0.61448

78 → 81     -0.18645

Excited State 5: 4.2653 eV 290.68nm f=0.0009

74 → 79      0.57869

75 → 79      0.22874

75 → 83      0.10172

78 → 80     -0.24141

78 → 83     -0.18218

### ***E-1d***

Excited State 1: 2.7922 eV 444.04nm f=0.0000

89 → 91      0.70010

Excited State 2: 3.4986 eV 354.38nm f=0.9154

90 → 91      0.70056

Excited State 3: 4.0495 eV 306.17nm f=0.0058

88 → 91      0.66737

90 → 93      0.20127

Excited State 4: 4.3984 eV 281.88nm f=0.0001

90 → 92      0.69676

Excited State 5: 4.4004 eV 281.75nm f=0.0028

86 → 91      0.56917

87 → 91      0.29147

87 → 95      0.11459

90 → 95      0.24648

### ***E-2a***

Excited State 1: 2.6977 eV 459.60nm f=0.0000

74 → 76      0.69970  
 Excited State 2: 3.4355 eV 360.89nm f=0.6757  
 75 → 76      0.69749  
 Excited State 3: 3.9335 eV 315.20nm f=0.0085  
 73 → 76      0.68458  
 75 → 77      0.13026  
 Excited State 4: 4.0049 eV 309.58nm f=0.0200  
 72 → 76      0.67415  
 75 → 78      0.13835  
 Excited State 5: 4.4759 eV 277.00nm f=0.1004  
 71 → 76      0.66688  
 72 → 76      -0.10199  
 73 → 77      0.12397

### ***E-2b***

Excited State 1: 2.7040 eV 458.52nm f=0.0000  
 78 → 80      0.69937  
 Excited State 2: 3.3809 eV 366.72nm f=0.7499  
 79 → 80      0.69901  
 Excited State 3: 3.9390 eV 314.76nm f=0.0067  
 77 → 80      0.67846  
 79 → 81      0.16249  
 Excited State 4: 4.0186 eV 308.52nm f=0.0171  
 76 → 80      0.67204  
 79 → 82      0.15268  
 Excited State 5: 4.4879 eV 276.26nm f=0.0913  
 75 → 80      0.64430  
 76 → 80      -0.10613  
 77 → 81      0.13632  
 79 → 81      -0.14102

### ***E-3a***

Excited State 1: 2.7284 eV 454.43nm f=0.0000  
 61 → 63      0.70021  
 Excited State 2: 3.4210 eV 362.42nm f=0.7192  
 62 → 63      0.69576  
 Excited State 3: 4.0137 eV 308.90nm f=0.0242  
 60 → 63      0.67693  
 62 → 66      -0.11251  
 Excited State 4: 4.0332 eV 307.41nm f=0.0096  
 59 → 63      0.67280

62 → 64      0.17756  
 Excited State 5: 4.5521 eV 272.37nm f=0.0756  
 58 → 63      0.47450  
 59 → 63      0.17210  
 59 → 64      0.11075  
 62 → 64      -0.45691

### ***E-3b***

Excited State 1: 2.7330 eV 453.66nm f=0.0000  
 65 → 67      0.69976  
 Excited State 2: 3.3673 eV 368.20nm f=0.7862  
 66 → 67      0.69777  
 Excited State 3: 4.0175 eV 308.61nm f=0.0235  
 64 → 67      0.67297  
 66 → 68      -0.10101  
 66 → 70      -0.10419  
 Excited State 4: 4.0265 eV 307.92nm f=0.0027  
 63 → 67      0.66271  
 66 → 68      -0.21123  
 Excited State 5: 4.4410 eV 279.18nm f=0.0648  
 63 → 67      0.20474  
 64 → 67      0.11387  
 66 → 68      0.64435

### ***E-4a***

Excited State 1: 2.7548 eV 450.06nm f=0.0000  
 61 → 63      0.70066  
 Excited State 2: 3.4880 eV 355.46nm f=0.7412  
 62 → 63      0.69981  
 Excited State 3: 3.9729 eV 312.08nm f=0.0079  
 60 → 63      0.68301  
 62 → 64      0.14327  
 Excited State 4: 4.2550 eV 291.38nm f=0.0136  
 58 → 63      0.23575  
 59 → 63      0.62897  
 62 → 65      0.16879  
 Excited State 5: 4.5353 eV 273.38nm f=0.1362  
 58 → 63      0.63367  
 59 → 63      -0.24094  
 60 → 64      0.13939

#### ***E-4b***

Excited State 1: 2.7599 eV 449.23nm f=0.0000

65 → 67      0.70026

Excited State 2: 3.4301 eV 361.46nm f=0.8109

66 → 67      0.70089

Excited State 3: 3.9753 eV 311.89nm f=0.0053

64 → 67      0.67404

66 → 68      0.18022

Excited State 4: 4.2651 eV 290.70nm f=0.0103

62 → 67      0.22445

63 → 67      0.62811

66 → 69      0.18214

Excited State 5: 4.5190 eV 274.36nm f=0.0783

62 → 67      -0.22231

63 → 67      0.11954

64 → 67      -0.18418

66 → 68      0.61066

#### ***E-5a***

Excited State 1: 2.7656 eV 448.32nm f=0.0326

79 → 82      0.54880

80 → 82      0.36070

81 → 82      -0.22115

Excited State 2: 3.0772 eV 402.91nm f=0.2432

80 → 82      0.27999

81 → 82      0.63920

Excited State 3: 3.7503 eV 330.59nm f=0.3874

79 → 82      -0.41332

80 → 82      0.52655

81 → 82      -0.18204

Excited State 4: 4.1155 eV 301.27nm f=0.0024

78 → 82      0.62196

81 → 83      0.30021

Excited State 5: 4.3694 eV 283.76nm f=0.0307

78 → 82      -0.30371

81 → 83      0.61051

#### ***E-5b***

The TD-DFT of ***E-5b*** in vacuum is ridden by an internal error in the calculation of the transition vectors. Due to we are not directly interested in

the spectra in vacuum for this work, we decided to skip to report this data

### ***E-6a***

Excited State 1: 2.8712 eV 431.81nm f=0.0000

61 → 63      0.70031

Excited State 2: 3.5144 eV 352.79nm f=0.8495

62 → 63      0.70050

Excited State 3: 4.1472 eV 298.96nm f=0.0022

60 → 63      0.64357

62 → 64      -0.27117

Excited State 4: 4.4327 eV 279.70nm f=0.0225

59 → 63      0.65067

60 → 64      -0.11294

62 → 65      -0.16964

Excited State 5: 4.4698 eV 277.38nm f=0.0294

58 → 63      0.42246

59 → 63      0.12417

59 → 65      0.10080

60 → 63      -0.13617

62 → 64      -0.30092

62 → 65      0.41460

### ***E-6b***

Excited State 1: 2.8764 eV 431.04nm f=0.0000

65 → 67      0.69959

Excited State 2: 3.4567 eV 358.67nm f=0.9028

66 → 67      0.70138

Excited State 3: 4.1207 eV 300.88nm f=0.0005

64 → 67      0.58809

66 → 68      0.36913

Excited State 4: 4.4057 eV 281.42nm f=0.0609

62 → 67      -0.10665

63 → 67      -0.20499

64 → 67      -0.36653

66 → 68      0.53459

Excited State 5: 4.4332 eV 279.67nm f=0.0088

62 → 67      -0.27166

63 → 67      0.48417

66 → 69      -0.38594



### ***E-7a***

Excited State 1: 2.6121 eV 474.66nm f=0.0000

68 → 70      0.66174

68 → 71      0.23613

Excited State 2: 3.1464 eV 394.05nm f=0.7834

69 → 70      0.70369

Excited State 3: 3.6541 eV 339.30nm f=0.0081

67 → 70      0.68877

67 → 71      0.10813

Excited State 4: 3.7714 eV 328.75nm f=0.0000

64 → 70      0.60442

64 → 71      -0.34794

Excited State 5: 4.1348 eV 299.85nm f=0.0187

65 → 70      0.59779

66 → 70      -0.13484

69 → 71      -0.27618

69 → 73      0.15523

### ***E-7b***

Excited State 1: 2.6167 eV 473.82nm f=0.0000

72 → 74      0.66175

72 → 75      0.23383

Excited State 2: 3.0860 eV 401.77nm f=0.8602

73 → 74      0.70434

Excited State 3: 3.6643 eV 338.36nm f=0.0056

71 → 74      0.68619

71 → 75      0.10837

Excited State 4: 3.7741 eV 328.52nm f=0.0000

68 → 74      0.60475

68 → 75      -0.34594

Excited State 5: 4.1042 eV 302.09nm f=0.0947

69 → 74      -0.32925

73 → 75      0.59522

73 → 77      -0.10838

### ***E-8a***

Excited State 1: 2.6525 eV 467.42nm f=0.0000

75 → 77      0.67040

75 → 78      0.20402

Excited State 2: 3.1300 eV 396.11nm f=1.2239

76 → 77      0.70347  
 Excited State 3: 3.7712 eV 328.76nm f=0.0077  
 74 → 77      0.68538  
 Excited State 4: 4.0033 eV 309.70nm f=0.1690  
 73 → 77      0.64594  
 76 → 78      0.24798  
 Excited State 5: 4.1563 eV 298.30nm f=0.0158  
 72 → 77      0.64015  
 73 → 80      0.11140  
 76 → 78      -0.10244  
 76 → 80      0.24218

### ***E-8b***

Excited State 1: 2.5728 eV 481.90nm f=0.0000  
 79 → 81      0.67453  
 79 → 82      0.19067  
 Excited State 2: 2.9004 eV 427.47nm f=1.0972  
 80 → 81      0.70529  
 Excited State 3: 3.6287 eV 341.68nm f=0.0801  
 78 → 81      0.68908  
 Excited State 4: 3.8772 eV 319.77nm f=0.1117  
 77 → 81      0.59287  
 80 → 82      0.36562  
 Excited State 5: 4.0884 eV 303.26nm f=0.0304  
 76 → 81      0.52484  
 77 → 81      0.20413  
 80 → 82      -0.35697  
 80 → 84      0.18829

### ***E-9a***

Excited State 1: 2.7856 eV 445.09nm f=0.0199  
 74 → 79      -0.10780  
 77 → 79      0.66084  
 78 → 79      -0.20320  
 Excited State 2: 3.5565 eV 348.61nm f=0.6926  
 77 → 79      0.20314  
 78 → 79      0.66829  
 Excited State 3: 3.9164 eV 316.57nm f=0.0108  
 76 → 79      0.68595  
 78 → 80      0.11673  
 Excited State 4: 4.1996 eV 295.23nm f=0.0123

75 → 79	0.67950
78 → 82	0.15469
Excited State 5: 4.5475 eV 272.64nm f=0.1898	
74 → 79	0.66938
76 → 80	-0.14276

### ***E-9b***

Excited State 1: 2.7960 eV 443.44nm f=0.0248	
78 → 83	0.10263
81 → 83	0.66130
82 → 83	-0.20290
Excited State 2: 3.5117 eV 353.06nm f=0.7701	
81 → 83	0.20228
82 → 83	0.66978
Excited State 3: 3.9332 eV 315.22nm f=0.0091	
80 → 83	0.68184
82 → 84	-0.14126
Excited State 4: 4.2190 eV 293.87nm f=0.0112	
79 → 83	0.67592
82 → 86	0.16733
Excited State 5: 4.5625 eV 271.74nm f=0.1632	
78 → 83	0.66305
80 → 84	-0.15696

### ***E-10a***

Excited State 1: 2.7193 eV 455.93nm f=0.0038	
72 → 76	0.46148
73 → 76	0.35370
74 → 76	0.32730
75 → 76	0.20650
Excited State 2: 3.1926 eV 388.35nm f=0.0544	
72 → 76	-0.25838
73 → 76	-0.21628
74 → 76	0.25651
75 → 76	0.56260
Excited State 3: 3.3844 eV 366.35nm f=0.4624	
73 → 76	-0.26248
74 → 76	0.54191
75 → 76	-0.35555
Excited State 4: 3.7674 eV 329.10nm f=0.1484	
72 → 76	-0.44866

73 → 76	0.49735
74 → 76	0.15889
Excited State 5: 3.9788 eV 311.61nm f=0.0079	
71 → 76	0.68252
75 → 77	0.10843

### ***E-10b***

Excited State 1: 2.6175 eV 473.68nm f=0.0062	
76 → 80	0.51803
77 → 80	0.18514
78 → 80	0.42279
Excited State 2: 3.1274 eV 396.44nm f=0.3992	
76 → 80	0.18215
78 → 80	-0.34149
79 → 80	0.58802
Excited State 3: 3.1682 eV 391.34nm f=0.1665	
76 → 80	-0.32211
77 → 80	-0.23449
78 → 80	0.44673
79 → 80	0.37128
Excited State 4: 3.6292 eV 341.63nm f=0.0467	
76 → 80	-0.27847
77 → 80	0.62989
Excited State 5: 3.8711 eV 320.28nm f=0.0508	
75 → 80	0.68420
79 → 81	0.13640

### ***E-11a***

Excited State 1: 2.7781 eV 446.28nm f=0.0000	
89 → 91	0.69928
Excited State 2: 3.4656 eV 357.76nm f=0.7184	
90 → 91	0.69969
Excited State 3: 3.8605 eV 321.16nm f=0.0085	
88 → 91	0.68941
90 → 93	0.10751
Excited State 4: 4.2951 eV 288.67nm f=0.0120	
86 → 91	0.25048
90 → 92	0.64173
Excited State 5: 4.5171 eV 274.48nm f=0.0000	
89 → 92	0.70594

### ***E-11b***

Excited State 1: 2.7848 eV 445.22nm f=0.0000

93 → 95 0.69906

Excited State 2: 3.4110 eV 363.48nm f=0.8029

94 → 95 0.70076

Excited State 3: 3.8722 eV 320.19nm f=0.0063

92 → 95 0.68537

94 → 97 0.12803

Excited State 4: 4.2269 eV 293.32nm f=0.0213

90 → 95 0.21862

94 → 96 0.65817

Excited State 5: 4.4922 eV 276.00nm f=0.0000

93 → 96 0.70586

### ***E-12a***

Excited State 1: 2.7766 eV 446.53nm f=0.0000

73 → 75 0.70095

Excited State 2: 3.6109 eV 343.36nm f=0.7060

74 → 75 0.69872

Excited State 3: 4.3024 eV 288.17nm f=0.0146

71 → 75 0.55987

72 → 75 0.33462

74 → 76 0.20536

74 → 78 -0.13624

Excited State 4: 4.3107 eV 287.62nm f=0.0090

70 → 75 -0.23302

71 → 75 -0.34046

72 → 75 0.52271

74 → 76 0.18683

74 → 78 0.10711

Excited State 5: 4.5347 eV 273.41nm f=0.1359

70 → 75 0.60440

71 → 75 -0.13998

72 → 75 0.24363

74 → 76 -0.14322

### ***E-12b***

Excited State 1: 2.7791 eV 446.14nm f=0.0000

77 → 79 0.70066

Excited State 2: 3.5450 eV 349.75nm f=0.7547

78 → 79      0.70040

Excited State 3: 4.2909 eV 288.95nm f=0.0074

74 → 79      -0.13086

75 → 79      0.21484

76 → 79      0.54281

78 → 80      0.36347

Excited State 4: 4.3286 eV 286.43nm f=0.0067

74 → 79      0.23490

75 → 79      0.60091

76 → 79      -0.18320

78 → 82      -0.18469

Excited State 5: 4.5375 eV 273.24nm f=0.1487

74 → 79      0.51937

75 → 79      -0.13682

76 → 79      0.33608

76 → 80      0.10808

78 → 80      -0.24140

### ***E-12c***

Excited State 1: 2.7628 eV 448.77nm f=0.0000

93 → 95      0.69929

Excited State 2: 3.5091 eV 353.33nm f=0.8237

94 → 95      0.70044

Excited State 3: 4.2315 eV 293.01nm f=0.0158

90 → 95      0.11700

91 → 95      0.15158

92 → 95      0.53597

94 → 96      0.36683

94 → 98      0.16570

Excited State 4: 4.3112 eV 287.59nm f=0.0046

90 → 95      -0.32218

91 → 95      0.57279

92 → 95      -0.13417

94 → 100      0.17439

Excited State 5: 4.3724 eV 283.56nm f=0.1150

92 → 95      -0.31986

94 → 96      0.56567

94 → 97      -0.11035

94 → 98      -0.18880

### ***E-12d***

Excited State 1: 2.6671 eV 464.86nm f=0.0000

105 → 107      0.69911

Excited State 2: 3.2814 eV 377.84nm f=0.6824

106 → 107      0.70505

Excited State 3: 4.0644 eV 305.05nm f=0.0121

103 → 107      -0.13478

104 → 107      0.66872

106 → 109      -0.15493

Excited State 4: 4.1941 eV 295.61nm f=0.0096

100 → 107      0.55843

102 → 107      0.16176

103 → 107      0.35144

106 → 112      -0.14995

Excited State 5: 4.3407 eV 285.63nm f=0.1709

100 → 107      -0.35205

103 → 107      0.56542

104 → 107      0.15518

## **Z-1a**

Excited State 1: 2.8555 eV 434.20nm f=0.0016

55 → 59      -0.12976

57 → 59      -0.13223

58 → 59      0.67318

Excited State 2: 3.9787 eV 311.62nm f=0.1557

57 → 59      0.67656

58 → 59      0.13472

Excited State 3: 4.3240 eV 286.74nm f=0.0084

55 → 59      0.63434

56 → 59      0.24323

58 → 59      0.12245

Excited State 4: 4.3283 eV 286.45nm f=0.0568

55 → 59      -0.24204

56 → 59      0.63490

57 → 60      0.13653

Excited State 5: 4.5853 eV 270.40nm f=0.0049

54 → 61      -0.10375

57 → 60      -0.11453

58 → 60      0.65128

58 → 62      0.18777

## **Z-1b**

Excited State 1: 2.8763 eV 431.06nm f=0.0016

59 → 63 -0.12435

61 → 63 0.68422

Excited State 2: 3.9308 eV 315.42nm f=0.1976

61 → 65 0.11300

62 → 63 0.68976

Excited State 3: 4.3136 eV 287.43nm f=0.0468

60 → 63 0.66646

62 → 64 -0.19570

Excited State 4: 4.3519 eV 284.90nm f=0.0001

59 → 63 0.67581

61 → 63 0.13662

Excited State 5: 4.5495 eV 272.53nm f=0.0045

58 → 65 -0.10369

61 → 64 0.66499

61 → 66 0.16938

### **Z-1c**

Excited State 1: 2.8161 eV 440.27nm f=0.0021

75 → 79 -0.12339

77 → 79 0.55887

78 → 79 0.38565

Excited State 2: 3.7885 eV 327.26nm f=0.2443

77 → 79 -0.38371

78 → 79 0.57659

Excited State 3: 4.1920 eV 295.76nm f=0.0284

76 → 79 0.67480

78 → 82 0.11001

Excited State 4: 4.2695 eV 290.39nm f=0.0005

75 → 79 0.66554

77 → 79 0.13458

Excited State 5: 4.5151 eV 274.60nm f=0.0338

77 → 80 -0.23595

77 → 82 -0.10138

78 → 80 0.62355

78 → 81 -0.12408

### **Z-1d**

Excited State 1: 2.8599 eV 433.53nm f=0.0014

85 → 91 0.11502



89 → 91	0.63860
90 → 91	-0.24806
Excited State 2: 3.9036 eV 317.61nm f=0.2197	
89 → 91	0.24951
89 → 95	0.10134
90 → 91	0.64383
Excited State 3: 4.2777 eV 289.84nm f=0.0438	
88 → 91	0.67604
90 → 93	-0.15377
Excited State 4: 4.3273 eV 286.52nm f=0.0001	
85 → 91	0.51292
87 → 91	-0.44459
89 → 91	-0.12427
Excited State 5: 4.5584 eV 271.99nm f=0.0039	
84 → 95	-0.10451
89 → 93	0.58587
89 → 94	0.20020
89 → 96	-0.15603
90 → 93	-0.23297

## **Z-2a**

Excited State 1: 2.8430 eV 436.10nm f=0.0062	
72 → 76	0.11188
74 → 76	-0.44103
75 → 76	0.52311
Excited State 2: 3.8909 eV 318.66nm f=0.1642	
74 → 76	0.50576
75 v 76	0.45891
Excited State 3: 4.2036 eV 294.95nm f=0.0036	
71 → 76	-0.28015
72 → 76	0.60317
73 → 76	-0.11552
74 → 76	0.16244
Excited State 4: 4.2419 eV 292.29nm f=0.0624	
72 → 76	0.11140
73 → 76	0.66984
75 → 77	0.14001
Excited State 5: 4.4844 eV 276.48nm f=0.0263	
71 → 76	0.13699
72 → 78	0.10052
74 → 77	-0.29757
75 → 77	0.58199

## **Z-2b**

Excited State 1: 2.8694 eV 432.09nm f=0.0057

76 → 80	0.10692
78 → 80	0.51249
79 → 80	-0.45256

Excited State 2: 3.8554 eV 321.59nm f=0.2067

78 → 80	0.43732
79 → 80	0.52669

Excited State 3: 4.2336 eV 292.86nm f=0.0300

75 → 80	0.20246
76 → 80	0.39766
77 → 80	0.50741
78 → 80	-0.10579

Excited State 4: 4.2439 eV 292.14nm f=0.0196

75 → 80	0.20117
76 → 80	0.46575
77 → 80	-0.43404
78 → 80	-0.11049
79 → 81	-0.15314

Excited State 5: 4.4525 eV 278.46nm f=0.0319

77 → 80	-0.11956
78 → 81	-0.36536
79 → 81	0.55136

## **Z-3a**

Excited State 1: 2.7824 eV 445.60nm f=0.0109

59 → 63	-0.13130
61 → 63	0.30148
62 → 63	0.60559

Excited State 2: 3.8853 eV 319.11nm f=0.0911

58 → 63	-0.14255
59 → 63	-0.35990
60 → 63	-0.26862
61 → 63	0.39067
62 → 63	-0.33285

Excited State 3: 4.0244 eV 308.08nm f=0.0814

58 → 63	0.16551
59 → 63	0.35870
60 → 63	0.28070
61 → 63	0.47901

Excited State 4: 4.3027 eV 288.15nm f=0.0447

59 → 63	-0.37015
60 → 63	0.54502
62 → 64	-0.19056

Excited State 5: 4.4666 eV 277.58nm f=0.0792

58 → 63	0.16532
59 → 63	-0.17316
61 → 64	0.15651
62 → 64	0.59432
62 → 65	-0.11361

### **Z-3b**

Excited State 1: 2.8140 eV 440.59nm f=0.0079

63 → 67	-0.13467
65 → 67	-0.35075
66 → 67	0.57734

Excited State 2: 3.8840 eV 319.21nm f=0.1598

63 → 67	0.27516
64 → 67	0.15918
65 → 67	0.46952
66 → 67	0.38667

Excited State 3: 4.0226 eV 308.22nm f=0.0537

62 → 67	0.19804
63 → 67	0.46996
64 → 67	0.29427
65 → 67	-0.36058

Excited State 4: 4.2986 eV 288.43nm f=0.0323

63 → 67	-0.30277
64 → 67	0.56356
65 → 68	-0.10015
66 → 68	-0.23269

Excited State 5: 4.4575 eV 278.15nm f=0.0891

63 → 67	-0.15836
64 → 67	0.13076
65 → 68	-0.20904
66 → 68	0.59459
66 → 69	0.10190

### **Z-4a**

Excited State 1: 2.8107 eV 441.11nm f=0.0138

61 → 63	0.43643
62 → 63	0.53189

Excited State 2: 3.8513 eV 321.93nm f=0.1558

59 → 63 -0.11491

61 → 63 0.51014

62 → 63 -0.45147

Excited State 3: 4.1975 eV 295.38nm f=0.0613

59 → 63 -0.12128

60 → 63 0.66923

Excited State 4: 4.3044 eV 288.04nm f=0.0074

58 → 63 0.33200

59 → 63 0.55643

60 → 63 0.13450

61 → 63 0.15331

62 → 64 0.13568

Excited State 5: 4.5379 eV 273.22nm f=0.0715

58 → 63 0.14187

59 → 63 -0.18358

61 → 64 0.21987

62 → 64 0.58129

62 → 66 0.10812

## **Z-4b**

Excited State 1: 2.8388 eV 436.74nm f=0.0122

65 → 67 0.49247

66 → 67 -0.47921

Excited State 2: 3.8286 eV 323.84nm f=0.1993

65 → 67 0.46053

66 → 67 0.50575

Excited State 3: 4.2058 eV 294.79nm f=0.0521

64 → 67 0.66617

66 → 68 -0.14057

Excited State 4: 4.3209 eV 286.94nm f=0.0025

62 → 67 -0.32207

63 → 67 0.56892

65 → 67 -0.14652

66 → 68 0.15048

Excited State 5: 4.5129 eV 274.73nm f=0.0911

63 → 67 -0.16410

64 → 67 0.12147

65 → 68 -0.26021

66 → 68 0.58419

## **Z-5a**

Excited State 1: 2.7417 eV 452.22nm f=0.0020

79 → 82      0.33878

81 → 82      0.60705

Excited State 2: 3.4542 eV 358.93nm f=0.0045

76 → 82      -0.11123

77 → 82      0.13342

79 → 82      0.57904

81 → 82      -0.35376

Excited State 3: 3.9433 eV 314.42nm f=0.1605

80 → 82      0.68434

81 → 84      0.10687

Excited State 4: 4.3089 eV 287.74nm f=0.0755

78 → 82      0.65927

80 → 83      0.14047

Excited State 5: 4.4010 eV 281.72nm f=0.0145

76 → 82      -0.21915

77 → 82      0.24238

78 → 82      -0.15932

81 → 83      0.41862

81 → 84      0.35598

81 → 85      -0.12603

## **Z-5b**

Excited State 1: 2.7677 eV 447.97nm f=0.0020

83 → 86      0.33216

85 → 86      0.60825

Excited State 2: 3.4869 eV 355.57nm f=0.0053

81 → 86      0.13999

83 → 86      0.58179

85 → 86      -0.34956

Excited State 3: 3.8951 eV 318.31nm f=0.2013

84 → 86      0.68484

85 → 88      -0.11971

Excited State 4: 4.2959 eV 288.61nm f=0.0561

82 → 86      0.65591

84 → 87      -0.18384

Excited State 5: 4.3931 eV 282.23nm f=0.0255

85 → 87      0.51131

85 → 88      0.39349

## **Z-6a**

Excited State 1: 2.7777 eV 446.36nm f=0.0079

59 → 63 -0.21946

61 → 63 0.20773

62 → 63 0.62971

Excited State 2: 3.8974 eV 318.12nm f=0.0692

59 → 63 0.54568

61 → 63 -0.30277

62 → 63 0.29829

Excited State 3: 4.0115 eV 309.07nm f=0.0854

59 → 63 0.35530

61 → 63 0.58691

Excited State 4: 4.3047 eV 288.02nm f=0.0281

60 → 63 0.56059

62 → 64 0.40189

Excited State 5: 4.3683 eV 283.83nm f=0.0607

60 → 63 -0.37737

61 → 64 0.16718

62 → 64 0.52661

62 → 65 -0.16420

## **Z-6b**

Excited State 1: 2.8198 eV 439.69nm f=0.0020

63 → 67 -0.21287

66 → 67 0.65608

Excited State 2: 3.9396 eV 314.71nm f=0.1406

63 → 67 -0.37060

65 → 67 0.54827

66 → 67 -0.20427

Excited State 3: 3.9687 eV 312.41nm f=0.0562

63 → 67 0.53995

65 → 67 0.41308

66 → 67 0.12527

Excited State 4: 4.3211 eV 286.92nm f=0.0355

64 → 67 0.62623

65 → 68 -0.16313

66 → 68 0.23712

Excited State 5: 4.3483 eV 285.13nm f=0.0202

64 → 67 -0.21254

65 → 68 0.12534

66 → 68 0.63076

66 → 69 -0.13309

### **Z-7a**

Excited State 1: 2.8958 eV 428.15nm f=0.0017

66 → 71      0.11003

68 → 71      0.69046

Excited State 2: 3.4191 eV 362.62nm f=0.0001

69 → 70      0.69906

Excited State 3: 3.4597 eV 358.36nm f=0.2150

68 → 70      0.66423

69 → 71      0.22299

Excited State 4: 3.8678 eV 320.55nm f=0.0000

63 → 70      0.66061

63 → 75      -0.11387

64 → 70      -0.19404

Excited State 5: 3.9240 eV 315.97nm f=0.1062

68 → 70      -0.21579

69 → 71      0.65807

### **Z-7b**

Excited State 1: 2.9188 eV 424.78nm f=0.0018

70 → 75      0.10574

72 → 75      0.68770

Excited State 2: 3.3029 eV 375.38nm f=0.0000

73 → 74      0.69841

Excited State 3: 3.4073 eV 363.87nm f=0.2135

72 → 74      0.66136

73 → 75      0.23244

Excited State 4: 3.8673 eV 320.60nm f=0.0000

67 → 74      0.67919

67 → 79      -0.10599

68 → 74      0.11322

Excited State 5: 3.8970 eV 318.15nm f=0.1451

72 → 74      -0.22558

73 → 75      0.65490

### **Z-8a**

Excited State 1: 2.8425 eV 436.18nm f=0.0050

73 → 78      0.22375

75 → 78      0.21359

76 → 77      0.19192

76 → 78	0.59308
Excited State 2: 3.5932 eV 345.05nm f=0.4247	
75 → 78	-0.29037
76 → 77	0.62416
Excited State 3: 3.7563 eV 330.07nm f=0.0294	
75 → 77	0.67498
75 → 78	-0.17499
Excited State 4: 3.9968 eV 310.21nm f=0.0994	
73 → 77	0.12339
75 → 77	0.15698
75 → 78	0.54285
76 → 77	0.20605
76 → 78	-0.31369
Excited State 5: 4.1186 eV 301.03nm f=0.0123	
69 → 78	0.14963
73 → 77	0.19778
73 → 78	0.60126
75 → 78	-0.16921
76 → 78	-0.16549

## Z-8b

Excited State 1: 2.8691 eV 432.13nm f=0.0031	
77 → 82	0.21925
79 → 82	0.39049
80 → 81	0.10361
80 → 82	0.52286
Excited State 2: 3.5462 eV 349.63nm f=0.4111	
79 → 81	0.16344
79 → 82	-0.28362
80 → 81	0.60879
Excited State 3: 3.6344 eV 341.14nm f=0.0291	
79 → 81	0.64179
79 → 82	-0.11332
80 → 81	-0.24136
Excited State 4: 3.9682 eV 312.45nm f=0.1368	
77 → 81	0.11735
79 → 81	0.20589
79 → 82	0.45982
80 → 81	0.19958
80 → 82	-0.41701
Excited State 5: 4.1554 eV 298.37nm f=0.0057	
73 → 82	-0.15229
77 → 81	0.11774



77 → 82	0.63019
79 → 82	-0.16730
80 → 82	-0.15161

### **Z-9a**

Excited State 1: 2.8644 eV 432.85nm f=0.0132

74 → 79	-0.14006
77 → 79	0.55456
78 → 79	0.40523

Excited State 2: 3.7453 eV 331.04nm f=0.1495

77 → 79	-0.39486
78 → 79	0.56665

Excited State 3: 4.0477 eV 306.31nm f=0.0780

76 → 79	0.69247
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Excited State 4: 4.3290 eV 286.41nm f=0.0056

74 → 79	0.66839
77 → 79	0.14955

Excited State 5: 4.4102 eV 281.13nm f=0.0020

75 → 79	0.69790
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### **Z-9b**

Excited State 1: 2.9225 eV 424.25nm f=0.0026

78 → 83	-0.13592
81 → 83	0.67077
82 → 83	0.14722

Excited State 2: 3.7589 eV 329.85nm f=0.2054

81 → 83	-0.14307
82 → 83	0.67786

Excited State 3: 4.0944 eV 302.81nm f=0.0742

80 → 83	0.68930
82 → 85	-0.11164

Excited State 4: 4.3516 eV 284.91nm f=0.0007

78 → 83	0.67754
81 → 83	0.14004

Excited State 5: 4.4969 eV 275.71nm f=0.0014

79 → 83	0.70345
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### **Z-10a**

Excited State 1: 2.8093 eV 441.33nm f=0.0023

72 → 76	0.30259
74 → 76	0.59452
75 → 76	-0.16777

Excited State 2: 3.4267 eV 361.82nm f=0.0126

74 → 76	0.14949
75 → 76	0.68195

Excited State 3: 3.7885 eV 327.26nm f=0.0037

70 → 76	0.18424
72 → 76	0.57541
73 → 76	0.19393
74 → 76	-0.29158

Excited State 4: 3.9120 eV 316.93nm f=0.1547

72 → 76	-0.10702
73 → 76	0.65044
74 → 76	0.17886
74 → 78	0.11134

Excited State 5: 4.2458 eV 292.02nm f=0.0678

71 → 76	0.67567
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## **Z-10b**

Excited State 1: 2.8347 eV 437.37nm f=0.0023

76 → 80	0.28594
77 → 80	-0.16479
78 → 80	0.59210
79 → 80	-0.13557

Excited State 2: 3.4711 eV 357.19nm f=0.0174

77 → 80	-0.14690
79 → 80	0.68230

Excited State 3: 3.8279 eV 323.90nm f=0.0032

74 → 80	0.18297
76 → 80	0.58402
77 → 80	0.21254
78 → 80	-0.25516

Excited State 4: 3.8751 eV 319.95nm f=0.1923

77 → 80	0.61843
78 → 80	0.25809
78 → 82	0.12205
79 → 80	0.10427

Excited State 5: 4.2393 eV 292.46nm f=0.0521

75 → 80	0.66285
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## **Z-11a**

Excited State 1: 2.9111 eV 425.91nm f=0.0017

89 → 91 0.69341

Excited State 2: 3.8465 eV 322.33nm f=0.1523

89 → 93 0.14017

90 → 91 0.68265

Excited State 3: 4.0315 eV 307.54nm f=0.0081

89 → 92 0.69841

Excited State 4: 4.1263 eV 300.48nm f=0.0000

88 → 91 -0.46538

90 → 92 0.51590

Excited State 5: 4.2090 eV 294.57nm f=0.1523

88 → 91 0.51402

90 → 92 0.46739

### **Z-11b**

Excited State 1: 2.9358 eV 422.32nm f=0.0017

93 → 95 0.69194

Excited State 2: 3.8083 eV 325.57nm f=0.1844

93 → 97 0.15423

94 → 95 0.67732

Excited State 3: 3.9944 eV 310.39nm f=0.0077

93 → 96 0.69886

Excited State 4: 4.0497 eV 306.16nm f=0.0376

92 → 95 -0.20542

94 → 96 0.66406

Excited State 5: 4.1909 eV 295.84nm f=0.1191

92 → 95 0.65740

94 → 96 0.20585

94 → 98 -0.12241

### **Z-12a**

Excited State 1: 2.7446 eV 451.74nm f=0.0103

71 → 75 -0.13125

73 → 75 -0.29697

74 → 75 0.61709

Excited State 2: 3.9337 eV 315.19nm f=0.1475

71 → 75 0.12576

73 → 75 0.60242

74 → 75 0.32018

Excited State 3: 4.2278 eV 293.26nm f=0.0039

71 → 75	0.63135
72 → 75	-0.20238
73 → 75	-0.17218

Excited State 4: 4.3975 eV 281.94nm f=0.0113

71 → 75	0.16430
72 → 75	0.59056
74 → 76	0.31341

Excited State 5: 4.5798 eV 270.72nm f=0.0498

71 → 75	-0.12669
72 → 75	-0.25650
73 → 76	-0.21133
74 → 76	0.55179
74 → 77	0.14024
74 → 78	-0.12106

### **Z-12b**

Excited State 1: 2.7920 eV 444.07nm f=0.0020

75 → 79	0.12780
77 → 79	0.21609
78 → 79	0.64951

Excited State 2: 3.9223 eV 316.10nm f=0.1909

77 → 79	0.65475
78 → 79	-0.22398

Excited State 3: 4.2543 eV 291.43nm f=0.0004

75 → 79	0.67539
78 → 79	-0.12295

Excited State 4: 4.4377 eV 279.39nm f=0.0143

76 → 79	0.64496
77 → 80	0.17685
77 → 84	0.10740
78 → 80	-0.15990

Excited State 5: 4.5548 eV 272.20nm f=0.0077

77 → 80	0.20537
78 → 80	0.63585
78 → 82	-0.11648

### **Z-12c**

Excited State 1: 2.7089 eV 457.69nm f=0.0239

91 → 95	0.12156
93 → 95	0.35374
94 → 95	0.58315

Excited State 2: 3.7706 eV 328.82nm f=0.1893

91 → 95	0.12177
93 → 95	0.56491
94 → 95	-0.38332

Excited State 3: 4.2200 eV 293.80nm f=0.0108

91 → 95	0.47294
92 → 95	-0.45891
93 → 95	-0.16434

Excited State 4: 4.2735 eV 290.12nm f=0.0105

91 → 95	-0.36984
92 → 95	-0.34287
94 → 96	0.38608
94 → 98	0.23709

Excited State 5: 4.4598 eV 278.01nm f=0.0850

91 → 95	0.21935
92 → 95	0.30857
94 → 96	0.55712
94 → 98	-0.14362

## **Z-12d**

Excited State 1: 2.7594 eV 449.32nm f=0.0087

101 → 107	0.12739
105 → 107	0.34526
106 → 107	0.59155

Excited State 2: 3.8659 eV 320.71nm f=0.1960

105 → 107	0.58424
106 → 107	-0.36374

Excited State 3: 4.2373 eV 292.60nm f=0.0023

101 → 107	0.57897
102 → 107	0.28076
104 → 107	-0.19528
105 → 107	-0.13755

Excited State 4: 4.3732 eV 283.51nm f=0.0070

101 → 107	0.14956
104 → 107	0.59987
106 → 108	-0.14266
106 → 109	0.26094

Excited State 5: 4.5462 eV 272.72nm f=0.0380

102 → 107	-0.13759
104 → 107	-0.22673
105 → 108	-0.11694
105 → 109	0.22616
106 → 108	-0.25465

106 → 109	0.49427
106 → 111	-0.12159

### 7.3.2. Transitions in Toluene

#### ***E-1a***

Excited State 1: 2.8208 eV 439.53nm f=0.0000

57 → 59	0.70052
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Excited State 2: 3.3867 eV 366.09nm f=0.9261

58 → 59	0.70157
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Excited State 3: 4.0264 eV 307.92nm f=0.0126

56 → 59	0.68370
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58 → 60	0.15004
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Excited State 4: 4.3863 eV 282.66nm f=0.0082

54 → 59	0.57915
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55 → 59	0.30756
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55 → 61	0.10827
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58 → 61	0.22514
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Excited State 5: 4.5319 eV 273.58nm f=0.1066

54 → 59	-0.28677
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55 → 59	0.60935
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56 → 60	0.14439
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#### ***E-1b***

Excited State 1: 2.8286 eV 438.33nm f=0.0000

61 → 63	0.70012
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Excited State 2: 3.3204 eV 373.40nm f=0.9915

62 → 63	0.70220
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Excited State 3: 4.0193 eV 308.48nm f=0.0083

60 → 63	0.67296
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62 → 64	0.19286
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Excited State 4: 4.3935 eV 282.20nm f=0.0025

58 → 63	0.56330
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59 → 63	0.30099
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59 → 65	0.10885
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62 → 64	-0.10205
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62 → 65	0.24845
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Excited State 5: 4.4723 eV 277.23nm f=0.1158

60 → 63	-0.18602
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62 → 64	0.65902
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#### ***E-1c***

Excited State 1: 2.6918 eV 460.60nm f=0.0001

77 → 79 0.69337

Excited State 2: 3.0230 eV 410.13nm f=0.8524

78 → 79 0.70519

Excited State 3: 3.7645 eV 329.35nm f=0.0334

76 → 79 0.68722

Excited State 4: 4.2405 eV 292.38nm f=0.0182

74 → 79 0.59641

75 → 79 0.30759

78 → 83 -0.17521

Excited State 5: 4.3310 eV 286.27nm f=0.1491

74 → 79 -0.28039

75 → 79 0.55394

78 → 80 0.27953

### ***E-1d***

Excited State 1: 2.8179 eV 439.99nm f=0.0000

89 → 91 0.70023

Excited State 2: 3.3244 eV 372.95nm f=1.0719

90 → 91 0.70159

Excited State 3: 3.9922 eV 310.56nm f=0.0113

88 → 91 0.68059

90 → 92 -0.16350

Excited State 4: 4.3871 eV 282.61nm f=0.0048

84 → 91 0.58073

85 → 91 0.28829

85 → 95 0.10951

90 → 95 0.23706

Excited State 5: 4.5190 eV 274.36nm f=0.1482

84 → 91 0.17948

85 → 91 -0.28510

88 → 91 0.16206

90 → 92 0.57074

### ***E-2a***

Excited State 1: 2.7282 eV 454.46nm f=0.0000

74 → 76 0.69975

Excited State 2: 3.2684 eV 379.35nm f=0.8587

75 → 76 0.70094

Excited State 3: 3.8795 eV 319.59nm f=0.0158

73 → 76	0.69105
75 → 77	0.10922
Excited State 4: 4.0220 eV 308.27nm f=0.0258	
71 → 76	-0.10201
72 → 76	0.67505
75 → 78	0.13626
Excited State 5: 4.4445 eV 278.96nm f=0.0983	
71 → 76	0.66960
72 → 76	0.11315
73 → 77	-0.12135

### ***E-2b***

Excited State 1: 2.7370 eV 452.99nm f=0.0001	
78 → 80	0.69950
Excited State 2: 3.2066 eV 386.65nm f=0.9338	
79 → 80	0.70172
Excited State 3: 3.8819 eV 319.39nm f=0.0135	
77 → 80	0.68726
79 → 81	0.13330
Excited State 4: 4.0385 eV 307.01nm f=0.0218	
76 → 80	0.67144
79 → 82	0.15327
Excited State 5: 4.4592 eV 278.04nm f=0.0948	
75 → 80	0.65240
76 → 80	-0.11950
77 → 81	0.13340
79 → 81	-0.12061

### ***E-3a***

Excited State 1: 2.7669 eV 448.10nm f=0.0000	
61 → 63	0.70027
Excited State 2: 3.2400 eV 382.67nm f=0.8886	
62 → 63	0.69957
Excited State 3: 3.9573 eV 313.30nm f=0.0393	
59 → 63	-0.15386
60 → 63	0.66728
62 → 65	-0.10192
Excited State 4: 3.9883 eV 310.87nm f=0.0097	
59 → 63	0.66663
60 → 63	0.15082
62 → 64	-0.15220



Excited State 5: 4.5140 eV 274.66nm f=0.0893

58 → 63	0.51646
59 → 63	-0.10714
59 → 64	-0.11187
60 → 63	-0.10805
62 → 64	-0.42723

### ***E-3b***

Excited State 1: 2.7736 eV 447.01nm f=0.0000

65 → 67	0.69993
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Excited State 2: 3.1818 eV 389.67nm f=0.9562

66 → 67	0.70070
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Excited State 3: 3.9598 eV 313.11nm f=0.0351

63 → 67	-0.31959
64 → 67	0.60037

Excited State 4: 3.9838 eV 311.22nm f=0.0039

63 → 67	0.60217
64 → 67	0.30658
66 → 68	0.17361

Excited State 5: 4.3989 eV 281.85nm f=0.1033

63 → 67	-0.10175
64 → 67	-0.17208
66 → 68	0.66281

### ***E-4a***

Excited State 1: 2.7897 eV 444.43nm f=0.0000

61 → 63	0.70061
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Excited State 2: 3.3050 eV 375.14nm f=0.9160

62 → 63	0.70177
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Excited State 3: 3.9192 eV 316.35nm f=0.0145

60 → 63	0.68949
62 → 64	0.12062

Excited State 4: 4.2405 eV 292.38nm f=0.0226

58 → 63	-0.23323
59 → 63	0.63374
62 → 65	0.16066

Excited State 5: 4.4939 eV 275.89nm f=0.1216

58 → 63	0.63836
59 → 63	0.23926
60 → 64	-0.13542

#### ***E-4b***

Excited State 1: 2.7969 eV 443.29nm f=0.0000

65 → 67 0.70031

Excited State 2: 3.2415 eV 382.49nm f=0.9857

66 → 67 0.70242

Excited State 3: 3.9196 eV 316.32nm f=0.0115

64 → 67 0.68410

66 → 68 0.14908

Excited State 4: 4.2531 eV 291.51nm f=0.0175

62 → 67 -0.22414

63 → 67 0.63156

66 → 69 0.17545

Excited State 5: 4.4840 eV 276.50nm f=0.1176

62 → 67 0.16564

63 → 67 0.10438

64 → 67 -0.15471

66 → 68 0.64569

#### ***E-5a***

Excited State 1: 2.7844 eV 445.29nm f=0.0896

79 → 82 0.55218

80 → 82 0.29405

81 → 82 -0.29880

Excited State 2: 3.0103 eV 411.87nm f=0.3384

79 → 82 0.18850

80 → 82 0.26642

81 → 82 0.62154

Excited State 3: 3.6476 eV 339.91nm f=0.4200

79 → 82 -0.36859

80 → 82 0.57572

81 → 82 -0.13190

Excited State 4: 4.0635 eV 305.12nm f=0.0081

78 → 82 0.66093

81 → 83 0.21480

Excited State 5: 4.3726 eV 283.55nm f=0.0563

77 → 82 0.10738

78 → 82 -0.22171

81 → 83 0.64441

#### ***E-5b***

Excited State 1: 2.7868 eV 444.89nm f=0.1209

83 → 86 0.55608

84 → 86 -0.24612

85 → 86 0.33310

Excited State 2: 3.0058 eV 412.48nm f=0.3862

83 → 86 -0.23214

84 → 86 0.27449

85 → 86 0.60263

Excited State 3: 3.6119 eV 343.26nm f=0.4076

83 → 86 0.33686

84 → 86 0.59432

85 → 86 -0.13824

Excited State 4: 4.0455 eV 306.48nm f=0.0026

82 → 86 0.62533

85 → 87 -0.30104

Excited State 5: 4.2947 eV 288.69nm f=0.0701

82 → 86 0.30782

85 → 87 0.61790

### ***E-6a***

Excited State 1: 2.9003 eV 427.48nm f=0.0000

61 → 63 0.70044

Excited State 2: 3.3211 eV 373.33nm f=1.0164

62 → 63 0.70213

Excited State 3: 4.0990 eV 302.47nm f=0.0062

60 → 63 0.66236

62 → 64 0.22408

Excited State 4: 4.3823 eV 282.92nm f=0.0267

59 → 63 0.67516

60 → 64 0.10423

Excited State 5: 4.4478 eV 278.76nm f=0.0497

58 → 63 0.39452

59 → 65 0.10403

60 → 63 0.12883

62 → 64 -0.37801

62 → 65 0.40089

### ***E-6b***

Excited State 1: 2.9076 eV 426.42nm f=0.0000

65 → 67 0.69993

Excited State 2: 3.2620 eV 380.09nm f=1.0710

66 → 67      0.70268

Excited State 3: 4.0776 eV 304.06nm f=0.0014

64 → 67      0.62481

66 → 68      0.30731

Excited State 4: 4.3612 eV 284.29nm f=0.0962

63 → 67      -0.25342

64 → 67      -0.31230

66 → 68      0.56224

Excited State 5: 4.3922 eV 282.28nm f=0.0318

62 → 67      -0.14723

63 → 67      0.58509

66 → 68      0.22623

66 → 69      -0.23085

### ***E-7a***

Excited State 1: 2.6037 eV 476.19nm f=0.0000

68 → 70      0.65118

68 → 71      -0.26566

Excited State 2: 2.9048 eV 426.82nm f=0.9430

69 → 70      0.70350

Excited State 3: 3.5200 eV 352.23nm f=0.0107

67 → 70      0.69011

67 → 71      -0.12004

Excited State 4: 3.8488 eV 322.14nm f=0.0000

64 → 70      0.61635

64 → 71      0.31729

Excited State 5: 4.0077 eV 309.36nm f=0.1153

65 → 70      0.22554

69 → 71      0.65324

### ***E-7b***

Excited State 1: 2.6102 eV 475.00nm f=0.0000

72 → 74      0.65145

72 → 75      -0.26381

Excited State 2: 2.8371 eV 437.01nm f=1.0203

73 → 74      0.70390

Excited State 3: 3.5253 eV 351.70nm f=0.0082

71 → 74      0.68888

71 → 75      -0.11991

Excited State 4: 3.8509 eV 321.96nm f=0.0000

68 → 74	0.61542
68 → 75	0.31409
72 → 75	-0.10911

Excited State 5: 3.9359 eV 315.01nm f=0.1413

69 → 74	0.10592
73 → 75	0.68240

### ***E-8a***

Excited State 1: 2.6713 eV 464.13nm f=0.0000

75 → 77	0.66724
75 → 78	0.21745

Excited State 2: 2.9401 eV 421.69nm f=1.4206

76 → 77	0.70308
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Excited State 3: 3.6952 eV 335.53nm f=0.0114

74 → 77	0.68844
74 → 78	0.10394

Excited State 4: 3.9549 eV 313.49nm f=0.1895

73 → 77	0.66617
76 → 78	0.19915

Excited State 5: 4.1291 eV 300.27nm f=0.0207

72 → 77	0.63622
73 → 80	0.10246
76 → 78	-0.17071
76 → 80	0.21592

### ***E-8b***

Excited State 1: 2.5953 eV 477.74nm f=0.0000

79 → 81	0.67167
79 → 82	0.20382

Excited State 2: 2.7175 eV 456.24nm f=1.2821

80 → 81	0.70436
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Excited State 3: 3.5497 eV 349.28nm f=0.0732

78 → 81	0.69184
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Excited State 4: 3.8301 eV 323.71nm f=0.1395

77 → 81	0.60482
80 → 82	0.34561

Excited State 5: 3.9865 eV 311.01nm f=0.1475

76 → 81	-0.12312
77 → 81	-0.33829
80 → 82	0.59390

### ***E-9a***

Excited State 1: 2.8205 eV 439.58nm f=0.0429

74 → 79 0.10852

77 → 79 0.65436

78 → 79 -0.22268

Excited State 2: 3.3869 eV 366.07nm f=0.8431

77 → 79 0.21788

78 → 79 0.66518

Excited State 3: 3.8519 eV 321.88nm f=0.0186

76 → 79 0.69167

Excited State 4: 4.2207 eV 293.75nm f=0.0183

75 → 79 0.67884

78 → 82 -0.15737

Excited State 5: 4.5095 eV 274.94nm f=0.1891

74 → 79 0.67115

76 → 80 -0.14473

77 → 79 -0.10127

### ***E-9b***

Excited State 1: 2.8316 eV 437.86nm f=0.0572

78 → 83 0.10237

81 → 83 0.65123

82 → 83 -0.23285

Excited State 2: 3.3365 eV 371.60nm f=0.9121

81 → 83 0.22930

82 → 83 0.66243

Excited State 3: 3.8660 eV 320.70nm f=0.0167

80 → 83 0.69008

82 → 84 -0.11453

Excited State 4: 4.2423 eV 292.26nm f=0.0162

79 → 83 0.67420

82 → 86 0.17355

Excited State 5: 4.5282 eV 273.81nm f=0.1682

78 → 83 0.66876

80 → 84 -0.15827

### ***E-10a***

Excited State 1: 2.7565 eV 449.79nm f=0.0092

72 → 76 0.44760

73 → 76	0.37401
74 → 76	0.38219

Excited State 2: 3.2163 eV 385.49nm f=0.5218

72 → 76	-0.12610
74 → 76	0.14863
75 → 76	0.67332

Excited State 3: 3.3389 eV 371.33nm f=0.2323

72 → 76	-0.20853
73 → 76	-0.30717
74 → 76	0.56823
75 → 76	-0.18418

Excited State 4: 3.7727 eV 328.63nm f=0.1127

72 → 76	-0.47000
73 → 76	0.50176

Excited State 5: 3.9419 eV 314.53nm f=0.0132

71 → 76	0.68868
75 → 77	0.11831

### ***E-10b***

Excited State 1: 2.6529 eV 467.36nm f=0.0186

76 → 80	0.51999
77 → 80	0.15096
78 → 80	0.41327
79 → 80	0.11812

Excited State 2: 3.0042 eV 412.70nm f=0.7153

78 → 80	-0.10871
79 → 80	0.69201

Excited State 3: 3.2327 eV 383.53nm f=0.0058

76 → 80	-0.37977
77 → 80	-0.18026
78 → 80	0.55969

Excited State 4: 3.6455 eV 340.10nm f=0.0510

76 → 80	-0.23516
77 → 80	0.65300

Excited State 5: 3.8061 eV 325.75nm f=0.0564

75 → 80	0.68218
76 → 80	-0.11185
79 → 81	0.10594

### ***E-11a***

Excited State 1: 2.7993 eV 442.91nm f=0.0000

89  $\rightarrow$  91      0.69879  
 Excited State 2: 3.2910 eV 376.74nm f=0.8850  
 90  $\rightarrow$  91      0.70202  
 Excited State 3: 3.8032 eV 326.00nm f=0.0147  
 88  $\rightarrow$  91      0.69363  
 Excited State 4: 4.2247 eV 293.47nm f=0.0245  
 86  $\rightarrow$  91      0.20293  
 90  $\rightarrow$  92      0.66410  
 Excited State 5: 4.4970 eV 275.70nm f=0.0000  
 89  $\rightarrow$  92      0.70595

### ***E-11b***

Excited State 1: 2.8080 eV 441.55nm f=0.0000  
 93  $\rightarrow$  95      0.69865  
 Excited State 2: 3.2283 eV 384.06nm f=0.9695  
 94  $\rightarrow$  95      0.70268  
 Excited State 3: 3.8112 eV 325.32nm f=0.0120  
 92  $\rightarrow$  95      0.69142  
 94  $\rightarrow$  97      0.10583  
 Excited State 4: 4.1469 eV 298.98nm f=0.0347  
 90  $\rightarrow$  95      0.17581  
 94  $\rightarrow$  96      0.67498  
 Excited State 5: 4.4723 eV 277.23nm f=0.0000  
 93  $\rightarrow$  96      0.70592

### ***E-12a***

Excited State 1: 2.8096 eV 441.29nm f=0.0000  
 73  $\rightarrow$  75      0.70098  
 Excited State 2: 3.4387 eV 360.55nm f=0.8768  
 74  $\rightarrow$  75      0.70213  
 Excited State 3: 4.2473 eV 291.91nm f=0.0235  
 72  $\rightarrow$  75      0.65647  
 74  $\rightarrow$  76      0.22320  
 Excited State 4: 4.3122 eV 287.52nm f=0.0121  
 70  $\rightarrow$  75      -0.31458  
 71  $\rightarrow$  75      0.59353  
 74  $\rightarrow$  78      -0.16933  
 Excited State 5: 4.5039 eV 275.28nm f=0.1326  
 70  $\rightarrow$  75      0.57895  
 71  $\rightarrow$  75      0.30390  
 72  $\rightarrow$  75      -0.15010



72 → 76	-0.10504
74 → 76	0.14055

### ***E-12b***

Excited State 1: 2.8134 eV 440.69nm f=0.0000

77 → 79	0.70078
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Excited State 2: 3.3670 eV 368.24nm f=0.9242

78 → 79	0.70289
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Excited State 3: 4.2359 eV 292.70nm f=0.0138

75 → 79	0.10805
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76 → 79	0.62694
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78 → 80	0.29145
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Excited State 4: 4.3334 eV 286.11nm f=0.0088

74 → 79	-0.37897
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75 → 79	0.54515
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78 → 82	-0.18532
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Excited State 5: 4.5046 eV 275.24nm f=0.1635

74 → 79	0.48669
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75 → 79	0.30720
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76 → 79	-0.23377
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76 → 80	-0.11556
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78 → 80	0.28084
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### ***E-12c***

Excited State 1: 2.7935 eV 443.83nm f=0.0001

93 → 95	0.69993
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Excited State 2: 3.3497 eV 370.14nm f=0.9927

94 → 95	0.70273
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Excited State 3: 4.1879 eV 296.05nm f=0.0168

92 → 95	0.63458
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94 → 96	-0.25035
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Excited State 4: 4.3060 eV 287.93nm f=0.0070

90 → 95	-0.42489
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91 → 95	0.51506
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94 → 99	-0.16804
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Excited State 5: 4.4354 eV 279.53nm f=0.2706

90 → 95	-0.31955
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91 → 95	-0.19106
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92 → 95	0.24319
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92 → 96	-0.10005
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94 → 96	0.50607
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### ***E-12d***

Excited State 1: 2.6945 eV 460.14nm f=0.0000

105 → 107 0.69494

Excited State 2: 3.1417 eV 394.64nm f=0.8215

106 → 107 0.70514

Excited State 3: 4.0146 eV 308.84nm f=0.0213

103 → 107 0.11484

104 → 107 0.67291

106 → 108 0.13056

Excited State 4: 4.1798 eV 296.63nm f=0.0149

100 → 107 0.56736

101 → 107 0.37840

106 → 111 -0.13896

Excited State 5: 4.2150 eV 294.15nm f=0.0001

102 → 107 0.69527

### ***Z-1a***

Excited State 1: 2.9067 eV 426.54nm f=0.0025

55 → 59 -0.14919

57 → 59 0.67308

58 → 59 -0.11836

Excited State 2: 3.8679 eV 320.55nm f=0.2410

57 → 59 0.11856

58 → 59 0.68512

Excited State 3: 4.2475 eV 291.90nm f=0.0973

56 → 59 0.69067

58 → 60 -0.11390

Excited State 4: 4.2926 eV 288.83nm f=0.0006

55 → 59 0.67716

57 → 59 0.15285

Excited State 5: 4.7029 eV 263.63nm f=0.0100

54 → 61 -0.12337

57 → 60 0.62993

57 → 62 0.22087

58 → 60 -0.14609

### ***Z-1b***

Excited State 1: 2.9300 eV 423.15nm f=0.0026

59 → 63      -0.14408  
 61 → 63      0.68253  
 Excited State 2: 3.8174 eV 324.79nm f=0.3011  
 62 → 63      0.69552  
 Excited State 3: 4.2396 eV 292.44nm f=0.0757  
 60 → 63      0.68286  
 62 → 64      -0.15002  
 Excited State 4: 4.3193 eV 287.05nm f=0.0004  
 59 → 63      0.67660  
 61 → 63      0.15149  
 Excited State 5: 4.6733 eV 265.31nm f=0.0083  
 58 → 65      -0.11812  
 61 → 64      0.65234  
 61 → 66      0.20797

### **Z-1c**

Excited State 1: 2.8627 eV 433.10nm f=0.0034  
 75 → 79      -0.14217  
 77 → 79      0.64118  
 78 → 79      -0.22377  
 Excited State 2: 3.6926 eV 335.76nm f=0.3515  
 77 → 79      0.22066  
 78 → 79      0.66078  
 Excited State 3: 4.1299 eV 300.21nm f=0.0410  
 76 → 79      0.68580  
 Excited State 4: 4.2317 eV 292.99nm f=0.0011  
 75 → 79      0.66694  
 77 → 79      0.15411  
 Excited State 5: 4.6246 eV 268.10nm f=0.0923  
 78 → 80      0.64328  
 78 → 81      -0.20270

### **Z-1d**

Excited State 1: 2.9035 eV 427.01nm f=0.0023  
 85 → 91      0.14862  
 89 → 91      0.68206  
 Excited State 2: 3.8047 eV 325.87nm f=0.3133  
 90 → 91      0.69492  
 Excited State 3: 4.2064 eV 294.75nm f=0.0737  
 88 → 91      0.68860  
 90 → 92      0.12687

Excited State 4: 4.2824 eV 289.52nm f=0.0003

85	→ 91	0.63811
86	→ 91	-0.23186
89	→ 91	-0.14563

Excited State 5: 4.6713 eV 265.42nm f=0.0038

86	→ 91	-0.35268
89	→ 92	0.56131
89	→ 96	-0.15125

## **Z-2a**

Excited State 1: 2.8926 eV 428.63nm f=0.0112

71	→ 76	-0.10961
72	→ 76	0.11981
74	→ 76	0.52012
75	→ 76	0.44016

Excited State 2: 3.7847 eV 327.60nm f=0.2462

74	→ 76	-0.42532
75	→ 76	0.54179

Excited State 3: 4.1522 eV 298.60nm f=0.0892

73	→ 76	0.68328
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Excited State 4: 4.1912 eV 295.82nm f=0.0087

71	→ 76	-0.30270
72	→ 76	0.59185
73	→ 76	0.11486
74	→ 76	-0.17458

Excited State 5: 4.5572 eV 272.06nm f=0.0271

71	→ 76	0.41492
72	→ 76	0.20143
74	→ 77	0.26009
75	→ 77	0.41528

## **Z-2b**

Excited State 1: 2.9217 eV 424.36nm f=0.0107

75	→ 80	-0.10489
76	→ 80	0.11525
78	→ 80	0.57283
79	→ 80	0.36907

Excited State 2: 3.7463 eV 330.95nm f=0.3064

78	→ 80	-0.35591
79	→ 80	0.59151

Excited State 3: 4.1555 eV 298.36nm f=0.0754

77 → 80	0.68440
79 → 81	0.10800

Excited State 4: 4.2242 eV 293.51nm f=0.0042

75 → 80	-0.31288
76 → 80	0.59611
78 → 80	-0.16820

Excited State 5: 4.5393 eV 273.13nm f=0.0694

75 → 80	0.15744
78 → 81	0.33656
79 → 81	0.56205

### **Z-3a**

Excited State 1: 2.8170 eV 440.13nm f=0.0177

58 → 63	-0.10365
59 → 63	-0.15475
60 → 63	-0.10043
61 → 63	-0.34556
62 → 63	0.57088

Excited State 2: 3.7921 eV 326.96nm f=0.1556

58 → 63	0.14734
59 → 63	0.32680
60 → 63	0.23570
61 → 63	0.38430
62 → 63	0.39523

Excited State 3: 3.9311 eV 315.39nm f=0.0993

58 → 63	-0.17934
59 → 63	-0.36486
60 → 63	-0.31089
61 → 63	0.46300

Excited State 4: 4.2210 eV 293.73nm f=0.0775

59 → 63	-0.39763
60 → 63	0.55603
62 → 64	-0.11240

Excited State 5: 4.4997 eV 275.54nm f=0.0260

58 → 63	0.51875
59 → 63	-0.23214
62 → 64	0.35601
62 → 65	0.11607

### **Z-3b**

Excited State 1: 2.8538 eV 434.45nm f=0.0131

63 → 67	0.15987
65 → 67	-0.42321
66 → 67	0.51577

Excited State 2: 3.7803 eV 327.97nm f=0.2571

63 → 67	-0.23394
64 → 67	-0.12881
65 → 67	0.42899
66 → 67	0.47012

Excited State 3: 3.9368 eV 314.93nm f=0.0579

62 → 67	0.21427
63 → 67	0.46704
64 → 67	0.31958
65 → 67	0.34521

Excited State 4: 4.2243 eV 293.51nm f=0.0621

63 → 67	-0.34087
64 → 67	0.58222
66 → 68	0.14584

Excited State 5: 4.5209 eV 274.25nm f=0.1025

62 → 67	-0.35402
63 → 67	0.20454
65 → 68	-0.15348
66 → 68	0.50906
66 → 69	0.11224

#### **Z-4a**

Excited State 1: 2.8541 eV 434.41nm f=0.0230

58 → 63	-0.10985
61 → 63	0.49049
62 → 63	-0.47961

Excited State 2: 3.7506 eV 330.57nm f=0.2306

59 → 63	-0.10385
61 → 63	0.45873
62 → 63	0.51016

Excited State 3: 4.1149 eV 301.31nm f=0.0875

60 → 63	0.68677
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Excited State 4: 4.2658 eV 290.65nm f=0.0157

58 → 63	0.38029
59 → 63	0.53972
61 → 63	0.17791

Excited State 5: 4.5777 eV 270.84nm f=0.0478

58 → 63	0.38976
59 → 63	-0.32249
61 → 64	-0.15906

62 → 64      0.42324

#### **Z-4b**

Excited State 1: 2.8862 eV 429.57nm f=0.0210

62 → 67      -0.10286

65 → 67      0.54230

66 → 67      -0.41936

Excited State 2: 3.7222 eV 333.10nm f=0.2923

65 → 67      0.40127

66 → 67      0.55992

Excited State 3: 4.1259 eV 300.50nm f=0.0759

64 → 67      0.68376

66 → 68      0.10675

Excited State 4: 4.2854 eV 289.32nm f=0.0097

62 → 67      -0.37403

63 → 67      0.54915

65 → 67      -0.16738

Excited State 5: 4.5684 eV 271.40nm f=0.1590

62 → 67      0.16778

63 → 67      0.18812

65 → 68      -0.19642

66 → 68      0.59633

#### **Z-5a**

Excited State 1: 2.7597 eV 449.27nm f=0.0030

79 → 82      0.33879

81 → 82      0.60718

Excited State 2: 3.4276 eV 361.72nm f=0.0068

76 → 82      -0.11598

77 → 82      0.14871

79 → 82      0.57352

81 → 82      -0.35519

Excited State 3: 3.8475 eV 322.24nm f=0.2438

80 → 82      0.69089

Excited State 4: 4.2401 eV 292.41nm f=0.1042

78 → 82      0.67694

80 → 83      -0.11301

Excited State 5: 4.3777 eV 283.22nm f=0.0009

76 → 82      -0.41485

77 → 82      0.49276

78 → 82      -0.12323

79 → 82      -0.19123

### **Z-5b**

Excited State 1: 2.7873 eV 444.82nm f=0.0031

83 → 86      0.33474

85 → 86      0.60761

Excited State 2: 3.4578 eV 358.57nm f=0.0086

81 → 86      0.15542

83 → 86      0.57458

85 → 86      -0.35310

Excited State 3: 3.7971 eV 326.52nm f=0.3005

84 → 86      0.69113

85 → 88      -0.10096

Excited State 4: 4.2321 eV 292.96nm f=0.0817

82 → 86      0.67133

84 → 87      -0.14815

Excited State 5: 4.4042 eV 281.52nm f=0.0139

80 → 86      -0.30218

81 → 86      0.44134

82 → 86      -0.10919

83 → 86      -0.13688

85 → 87      -0.28217

85 → 88      -0.27009

### **Z-6a**

Excited State 1: 2.8157 eV 440.33nm f=0.0130

59 → 63      -0.24598

61 → 63      0.24204

62 → 63      0.60887

Excited State 2: 3.8232 eV 324.30nm f=0.1626

59 → 63      0.43517

61 → 63      -0.41799

62 → 63      0.34766

Excited State 3: 3.9339 eV 315.17nm f=0.0748

59 → 63      0.47610

61 → 63      0.50147

Excited State 4: 4.2424 eV 292.25nm f=0.0853

60 → 63      0.68076

62 → 64      0.12987

Excited State 5: 4.4376 eV 279.39nm f=0.0655

60 → 63      -0.10492



61 → 64	0.13093
62 → 64	0.63460
62 → 65	-0.19668

## **Z-6b**

Excited State 1: 2.8627 eV 433.10nm f=0.0031

63 → 67	-0.24298
65 → 67	0.16402
66 → 67	0.63354

Excited State 2: 3.8315 eV 323.59nm f=0.2932

63 → 67	-0.12066
65 → 67	0.65121
66 → 67	-0.21718

Excited State 3: 3.9169 eV 316.54nm f=0.0079

63 → 67	0.63578
65 → 67	0.18665
66 → 67	0.20337

Excited State 4: 4.2519 eV 291.60nm f=0.0707

64 → 67	0.67978
65 → 68	-0.13830

Excited State 5: 4.4476 eV 278.77nm f=0.0308

62 → 70	-0.10722
65 → 68	0.12497
66 → 68	0.64889
66 → 69	-0.18958

## **Z-7a**

Excited State 1: 2.9580 eV 419.14nm f=0.0027

66 → 71	-0.11834
68 → 71	0.68730

Excited State 2: 3.2613 eV 380.16nm f=0.0001

69 → 70	0.69795
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Excited State 3: 3.3696 eV 367.95nm f=0.2987

68 → 70	0.66257
69 → 71	-0.23034

Excited State 4: 3.8264 eV 324.02nm f=0.1744

68 → 70	0.22745
69 → 71	0.65957

Excited State 5: 3.8766 eV 319.83nm f=0.0002

67 → 70	0.69755
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## **Z-7b**

Excited State 1: 2.9802 eV 416.03nm f=0.0028

70 → 75 0.11295

72 → 75 0.67715

73 → 74 0.13496

Excited State 2: 3.1541 eV 393.08nm f=0.0000

72 → 75 -0.13371

73 → 74 0.68907

Excited State 3: 3.3254 eV 372.84nm f=0.3001

72 → 74 0.65787

73 → 75 0.24435

Excited State 4: 3.7941 eV 326.78nm f=0.2277

72 → 74 -0.24176

73 → 75 0.65434

Excited State 5: 3.8321 eV 323.54nm f=0.0002

71 → 74 0.70339

## **Z-8a**

Excited State 1: 2.8946 eV 428.33nm f=0.0084

73 → 78 -0.24513

75 → 77 0.11464

75 → 78 0.42519

76 → 77 0.16317

76 → 78 0.45389

Excited State 2: 3.5476 eV 349.49nm f=0.5865

75 → 77 0.17509

75 → 78 -0.32725

76 → 77 0.58747

Excited State 3: 3.7207 eV 333.22nm f=0.0573

75 → 77 0.60569

75 → 78 -0.16486

76 → 77 -0.28905

76 → 78 0.11030

Excited State 4: 3.9140 eV 316.77nm f=0.2015

75 → 77 -0.26956

75 → 78 -0.36136

76 → 77 -0.17662

76 → 78 0.49602

Excited State 5: 4.1114 eV 301.56nm f=0.0113

69 → 78 0.15131

73 → 77 0.22233

73 → 78	0.59176
75 → 78	0.21062
76 → 78	0.13550

## Z-8b

Excited State 1: 2.9232 eV 424.14nm f=0.0052

77 → 82	-0.24273
79 → 82	0.61650
80 → 82	0.18799

Excited State 2: 3.5078 eV 353.45nm f=0.5716

79 → 81	0.45409
79 → 82	-0.19087
80 → 81	0.40747
80 → 82	0.28474

Excited State 3: 3.6043 eV 343.99nm f=0.0556

79 → 81	-0.37857
80 → 81	0.56377
80 → 82	-0.16622

Excited State 4: 3.8839 eV 319.23nm f=0.2555

79 → 81	-0.35267
79 → 82	-0.10911
80 → 82	0.58535

Excited State 5: 4.1467 eV 299.00nm f=0.0078

73 → 82	-0.15279
77 → 81	0.13871
77 → 82	0.61926
79 → 82	0.24234

## Z-9a

Excited State 1: 2.9176 eV 424.95nm f=0.0238

74 → 79	-0.15130
77 → 79	0.57797
78 → 79	0.36659

Excited State 2: 3.6441 eV 340.24nm f=0.2224

77 → 79	-0.35530
78 → 79	0.59623

Excited State 3: 3.9538 eV 313.59nm f=0.1019

76 → 79	0.69802
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Excited State 4: 4.3320 eV 286.21nm f=0.0094

74 → 79	0.66796
77 → 79	0.16569

Excited State 5: 4.3933 eV 282.21nm f=0.0029

75 → 79      0.69948

### **Z-9b**

Excited State 1: 2.9855 eV 415.28nm f=0.0047

78 → 83      -0.15063

81 → 83      0.67349

82 → 83      -0.12341

Excited State 2: 3.6441 eV 340.24nm f=0.3062

81 → 83      0.11921

82 → 83      0.68680

Excited State 3: 3.9998 eV 309.97nm f=0.0970

80 → 83      0.69687

Excited State 4: 4.3562 eV 284.62nm f=0.0013

78 → 83      0.67589

81 → 83      0.15402

Excited State 5: 4.4758 eV 277.01nm f=0.0016

79 → 83      0.70451

### **Z-10a**

Excited State 1: 2.8523 eV 434.69nm f=0.0038

70 → 76      0.10670

71 → 76      0.10385

72 → 76      0.28762

73 → 76      -0.15433

74 → 76      0.58124

75 → 76      -0.15691

Excited State 2: 3.4970 eV 354.54nm f=0.0310

73 → 76      -0.13178

74 → 76      0.11893

75 → 76      0.68086

Excited State 3: 3.8125 eV 325.21nm f=0.0179

70 → 76      0.17148

71 → 76      0.15641

72 → 76      0.48016

73 → 76      0.41632

74 → 76      -0.17231

Excited State 4: 3.8276 eV 323.92nm f=0.2083

70 → 76      -0.13134

72 → 76      -0.26930

73 → 76      0.51950

74  $\rightarrow$  76      0.33331  
 Excited State 5: 4.1733 eV 297.09nm f=0.0948  
 71  $\rightarrow$  76      0.64989  
 72  $\rightarrow$  76      -0.23512

### **Z-10b**

Excited State 1: 2.8796 eV 430.57nm f=0.0040  
 74  $\rightarrow$  80      0.10239  
 75  $\rightarrow$  80      -0.13862  
 76  $\rightarrow$  80      0.25935  
 77  $\rightarrow$  80      -0.24287  
 78  $\rightarrow$  80      0.57572  
 Excited State 2: 3.5307 eV 351.16nm f=0.0540  
 77  $\rightarrow$  80      -0.19755  
 79  $\rightarrow$  80      0.67267  
 Excited State 3: 3.7921 eV 326.95nm f=0.2518  
 77  $\rightarrow$  80      0.58936  
 78  $\rightarrow$  80      0.30155  
 79  $\rightarrow$  80      0.19747  
 Excited State 4: 3.8501 eV 322.02nm f=0.0102  
 74  $\rightarrow$  80      0.20773  
 75  $\rightarrow$  80      -0.25254  
 76  $\rightarrow$  80      0.52636  
 77  $\rightarrow$  80      0.20370  
 78  $\rightarrow$  80      -0.25650  
 Excited State 5: 4.1719 eV 297.19nm f=0.0764  
 75  $\rightarrow$  80      0.60727  
 76  $\rightarrow$  80      0.31719

### **Z-11a**

Excited State 1: 2.9687 eV 417.64nm f=0.0027  
 87  $\rightarrow$  91      0.10552  
 89  $\rightarrow$  91      0.69283  
 Excited State 2: 3.7599 eV 329.75nm f=0.2444  
 89  $\rightarrow$  93      0.11406  
 90  $\rightarrow$  91      0.69190  
 Excited State 3: 4.0939 eV 302.85nm f=0.0286  
 88  $\rightarrow$  91      0.62318  
 90  $\rightarrow$  92      0.31087  
 Excited State 4: 4.1283 eV 300.33nm f=0.0176  
 89  $\rightarrow$  92      0.69189

Excited State 5: 4.1653 eV 297.66nm f=0.1634

88 → 91      -0.30411  
90 → 92      0.62465

### **Z-11b**

Excited State 1: 2.9947 eV 414.01nm f=0.0028

91 → 95      0.10204  
93 → 95      0.69183

Excited State 2: 3.7186 eV 333.42nm f=0.3004

93 → 97      0.12179  
94 → 95      0.69066

Excited State 3: 4.0426 eV 306.69nm f=0.0286

92 → 95      -0.24428  
94 → 96      0.65576

Excited State 4: 4.1007 eV 302.35nm f=0.0136

93 → 96      0.69845

Excited State 5: 4.1255 eV 300.53nm f=0.1593

92 → 95      0.64989  
94 → 96      0.24907

### **Z-12a**

Excited State 1: 2.7986 eV 443.02nm f=0.0167

71 → 75      0.14443  
73 → 75      0.35415  
74 → 75      0.58271

Excited State 2: 3.8575 eV 321.41nm f=0.2202

71 → 75      0.10687  
73 → 75      0.56880  
74 → 75      -0.38242

Excited State 3: 4.2003 eV 295.18nm f=0.0062

70 → 75      -0.20605  
71 → 75      0.59293  
72 → 75      -0.21719  
73 → 75      -0.18737

Excited State 4: 4.3584 eV 284.47nm f=0.0333

71 → 75      0.22070  
72 → 75      0.62820  
74 → 76      0.20254

Excited State 5: 4.6043 eV 269.28nm f=0.0030

70 → 75      0.64110  
71 → 75      0.19111

74 → 77      0.10308

### **Z-12b**

Excited State 1: 2.8533 eV 434.52nm f=0.0031

75 → 79      0.14867

77 → 79      0.49468

78 → 79      0.46885

Excited State 2: 3.8335 eV 323.42nm f=0.2881

77 → 79      -0.47413

78 → 79      0.50979

Excited State 3: 4.2254 eV 293.43nm f=0.0007

75 → 79      0.67354

77 → 79      -0.13074

Excited State 4: 4.3878 eV 282.57nm f=0.0312

76 → 79      0.66640

78 → 80      -0.15983

Excited State 5: 4.6728 eV 265.33nm f=0.0156

74 → 79      -0.10245

74 → 81      0.10350

77 → 80      0.44274

78 → 80      0.48517

78 → 82      -0.11940

### **Z-12c**

Excited State 1: 2.7463 eV 451.46nm f=0.0385

90 → 95      -0.10657

93 → 95      0.37477

94 → 95      0.56729

Excited State 2: 3.7038 eV 334.75nm f=0.2644

90 → 95      -0.12720

93 → 95      0.54484

94 → 95      -0.40948

Excited State 3: 4.1747 eV 296.99nm f=0.0158

90 → 95      0.41430

91 → 95      -0.23604

92 → 95      0.45243

93 → 95      0.19699

Excited State 4: 4.2626 eV 290.86nm f=0.0040

90 → 95      -0.31261

91 → 95      0.28235

92 → 95      0.44572

94 → 96	-0.28050
94 → 97	-0.13443

Excited State 5: 4.5168 eV 274.49nm f=0.2224

91 → 95	0.30398
92 → 95	0.21248
94 → 96	0.58063

### **Z-12d**

Excited State 1: 2.8050 eV 442.01nm f=0.0140

101 → 107	0.14563
105 → 107	0.40196
106 → 107	0.55043

Excited State 2: 3.7973 eV 326.51nm f=0.2787

105 → 107	0.54323
106 → 107	-0.42615

Excited State 3: 4.1918 eV 295.78nm f=0.0042

100 → 107	0.16095
101 → 107	0.58159
102 → 107	0.23282
104 → 107	-0.18439
105 → 107	-0.15744

Excited State 4: 4.3343 eV 286.05nm f=0.0241

101 → 107	0.17599
103 → 107	-0.10221
104 → 107	0.63311
106 → 108	0.19361

Excited State 5: 4.5281 eV 273.81nm f=0.0016

101 → 107	-0.21088
102 → 107	0.63890
106 → 108	-0.15091

### 7.3.3. Transitions in DMSO

#### **E-1a**

Excited State 1: 2.8587 eV 433.70nm f=0.0000

57 → 59	0.70082
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Excited State 2: 3.3669 eV 368.24nm f=0.9057

58 → 59	0.70159
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Excited State 3: 3.9627 eV 312.88nm f=0.0133

56 → 59	0.68747
58 → 60	0.13311



Excited State 4: 4.3954 eV 282.08nm f=0.0073

54 → 59	0.59009
55 → 59	0.27378
55 → 61	0.11041
58 → 61	0.23934

Excited State 5: 4.5237 eV 274.08nm f=0.1079

54 → 59	-0.24792
55 → 59	0.62365
56 → 60	0.14891

### ***E-1b***

Excited State 1: 2.8681 eV 432.28nm f=0.0000

61 → 63	0.70053
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Excited State 2: 3.2992 eV 375.80nm f=0.9697

62 → 63	0.70222
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Excited State 3: 3.9567 eV 313.35nm f=0.0116

60 → 63	0.68102
62 → 64	0.16346

Excited State 4: 4.4010 eV 281.72nm f=0.0026

58 → 63	0.57493
59 → 63	0.26062
59 → 65	0.11092
62 → 64	-0.10003
62 → 65	0.26835

Excited State 5: 4.4867 eV 276.34nm f=0.1000

60 → 63	-0.15732
62 → 64	0.66599

### ***E-1c***

Excited State 1: 2.7267 eV 454.71nm f=0.0001

76 → 79	0.59876
77 → 79	0.36355

Excited State 2: 3.0037 eV 412.78nm f=0.8369

78 → 79	0.70546
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Excited State 3: 3.7129 eV 333.93nm f=0.0272

76 → 79	-0.36220
77 → 79	0.59341

Excited State 4: 4.2297 eV 293.13nm f=0.0162

74 → 79	0.59653
75 → 79	0.31033
78 → 83	-0.17324

Excited State 5: 4.3231 eV 286.79nm f=0.1737

74	→ 79	-0.29330
75	→ 79	0.60459
78	→ 83	0.10137

### ***E-1d***

Excited State 1: 2.8522 eV 434.69nm f=0.0000

89	→ 91	0.70058
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Excited State 2: 3.3127 eV 374.27nm f=1.0515

90	→ 91	0.70158
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Excited State 3: 3.9423 eV 314.50nm f=0.0134

88	→ 91	0.68459
90	→ 92	-0.14492

Excited State 4: 4.3313 eV 286.25nm f=0.0002

86	→ 91	0.67363
87	→ 91	-0.19871

Excited State 5: 4.3796 eV 283.09nm f=0.0002

84	→ 91	-0.13209
86	→ 91	0.19322
87	→ 91	0.65398

### ***E-2a***

Excited State 1: 2.7671 eV 448.06nm f=0.0000

74	→ 76	0.70010
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Excited State 2: 3.2601 eV 380.30nm f=0.8472

75	→ 76	0.70103
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Excited State 3: 3.8315 eV 323.60nm f=0.0158

73	→ 76	0.69222
75	→ 77	0.10143

Excited State 4: 4.0569 eV 305.61nm f=0.0217

71	→ 76	-0.11784
72	→ 76	0.66867
75	→ 78	0.14479

Excited State 5: 4.4449 eV 278.93nm f=0.0964

71	→ 76	0.66508
72	→ 76	0.13067
73	→ 77	-0.12425

### ***E-2b***

Excited State 1: 2.7780 eV 446.31nm f=0.0001

78 → 80 0.69992

Excited State 2: 3.1958 eV 387.96nm f=0.9196

79 → 80 0.70178

Excited State 3: 3.8315 eV 323.59nm f=0.0152

77 → 80 0.68959

79 → 81 0.12052

Excited State 4: 4.0730 eV 304.41nm f=0.0179

75 → 80 -0.11583

76 → 80 0.66337

79 → 82 0.16672

Excited State 5: 4.4581 eV 278.11nm f=0.0933

75 → 80 0.65197

76 → 80 0.13927

77 → 81 -0.13790

### ***E-3a***

Excited State 1: 2.8142 eV 440.56nm f=0.0000

61 → 63 0.70063

Excited State 2: 3.2254 eV 384.41nm f=0.8716

62 → 63 0.69958

Excited State 3: 3.9315 eV 315.36nm f=0.0429

59 → 63 -0.48281

60 → 63 0.48613

Excited State 4: 3.9463 eV 314.18nm f=0.0072

59 → 63 0.48766

60 → 63 0.48373

62 → 64 0.11693

Excited State 5: 4.5063 eV 275.13nm f=0.0854

58 → 63 0.65069

60 → 64 -0.12961

62 → 64 0.17114

### ***E-3b***

Excited State 1: 2.8227 eV 439.24nm f=0.0000

65 → 67 0.70036

Excited State 2: 3.1655 eV 391.68nm f=0.9376

66 → 67 0.70076

Excited State 3: 3.9224 eV 316.10nm f=0.0246

63 → 67 -0.16171

64 → 67 0.65957

66  $\rightarrow$  68      0.14959  
 Excited State 4: 3.9532 eV 313.63nm f=0.0170  
 63  $\rightarrow$  67      0.66574  
 64  $\rightarrow$  67      0.15761  
 Excited State 5: 4.4016 eV 281.68nm f=0.0907  
 64  $\rightarrow$  67      -0.17070  
 66  $\rightarrow$  68      0.66856

#### ***E-4a***

Excited State 1: 2.8339 eV 437.50nm f=0.0000  
 61  $\rightarrow$  63      0.70085  
 Excited State 2: 3.2934 eV 376.47nm f=0.9013  
 62  $\rightarrow$  63      0.70175  
 Excited State 3: 3.8698 eV 320.39nm f=0.0146  
 60  $\rightarrow$  63      0.69094  
 62  $\rightarrow$  64      0.11309  
 Excited State 4: 4.2492 eV 291.78nm f=0.0208  
 58  $\rightarrow$  63      -0.25352  
 59  $\rightarrow$  63      0.62378  
 62  $\rightarrow$  65      0.16727  
 Excited State 5: 4.4897 eV 276.15nm f=0.1179  
 58  $\rightarrow$  63      0.62931  
 59  $\rightarrow$  63      0.25901  
 60  $\rightarrow$  64      -0.14102

#### ***E-4b***

Excited State 1: 2.8427 eV 436.15nm f=0.0000  
 65  $\rightarrow$  67      0.70063  
 Excited State 2: 3.2279 eV 384.10nm f=0.9682  
 66  $\rightarrow$  67      0.70240  
 Excited State 3: 3.8690 eV 320.46nm f=0.0137  
 64  $\rightarrow$  67      0.68717  
 66  $\rightarrow$  68      0.13511  
 Excited State 4: 4.2617 eV 290.93nm f=0.0159  
 62  $\rightarrow$  67      -0.24412  
 63  $\rightarrow$  67      0.62113  
 66  $\rightarrow$  69      0.18389  
 Excited State 5: 4.4907 eV 276.09nm f=0.1109  
 62  $\rightarrow$  67      0.25621  
 63  $\rightarrow$  67      0.14747  
 64  $\rightarrow$  67      -0.13880

66 → 68      0.60775

### ***E-5a***

Excited State 1: 2.8203 eV 439.62nm f=0.1079

79 → 82      0.56290

80 → 82      -0.23995

81 → 82      0.32434

Excited State 2: 3.0133 eV 411.45nm f=0.3194

79 → 82      -0.22571

80 → 82      0.27308

81 → 82      0.60602

Excited State 3: 3.6339 eV 341.18nm f=0.3969

79 → 82      0.32843

80 → 82      0.59713

81 → 82      -0.14359

Excited State 4: 4.0076 eV 309.37nm f=0.0103

78 → 82      0.67552

81 → 83      0.17040

Excited State 5: 4.4052 eV 281.45nm f=0.0554

77 → 82      0.15375

78 → 82      -0.17442

81 → 83      0.64716

### ***E-5b***

Excited State 1: 2.8224 eV 439.28nm f=0.1513

83 → 86      0.55554

84 → 86      -0.19093

85 → 86      0.36655

Excited State 2: 3.0084 eV 412.12nm f=0.3565

83 → 86      -0.27737

84 → 86      0.28021

85 → 86      0.58032

Excited State 3: 3.5982 eV 344.57nm f=0.3813

83 → 86      0.30002

84 → 86      0.61148

85 → 86      -0.14903

Excited State 4: 3.9963 eV 310.24nm f=0.0074

82 → 86      0.65772

85 → 87      0.22796

Excited State 5: 4.3178 eV 287.15nm f=0.0657

82 → 86      -0.23199

85 → 87      0.64804

### ***E-6a***

Excited State 1: 2.9397 eV 421.76nm f=0.0000

61 → 63      0.70083

Excited State 2: 3.3022 eV 375.46nm f=0.9966

62 → 63      0.70228

Excited State 3: 4.0481 eV 306.28nm f=0.0080

60 → 63      0.67240

62 → 64      0.19317

Excited State 4: 4.3659 eV 283.98nm f=0.0278

59 → 63      0.67805

60 → 64      0.10733

Excited State 5: 4.4407 eV 279.20nm f=0.0322

58 → 63      0.42896

59 → 65      0.10970

62 → 64      -0.28792

62 → 65      0.45112

### ***E-6b***

Excited State 1: 2.9484 eV 420.51nm f=0.0000

65 → 67      0.70045

Excited State 2: 3.2417 eV 382.46nm f=1.0497

66 → 67      0.70284

Excited State 3: 4.0306 eV 307.61nm f=0.0046

64 → 67      0.64949

66 → 68      0.25370

Excited State 4: 4.3560 eV 284.63nm f=0.0687

63 → 67      -0.42507

64 → 67      -0.24270

66 → 68      0.48608

Excited State 5: 4.3841 eV 282.81nm f=0.0474

62 → 67      -0.16568

63 → 67      0.48766

66 → 68      0.38208

66 → 69      -0.22779

### ***E-7a***

Excited State 1: 2.5967 eV 477.46nm f=0.0000

68 → 70	0.64441
68 → 71	-0.28321
Excited State 2: 2.8069 eV 441.72nm f=0.8914	
69 → 70	0.70420
Excited State 3: 3.3842 eV 366.36nm f=0.0083	
67 → 70	0.69122
67 → 71	-0.12205
Excited State 4: 3.8923 eV 318.54nm f=0.0000	
63 → 70	0.43648
63 → 71	0.19748
68 → 70	0.20608
68 → 71	0.46650
Excited State 5: 3.9054 eV 317.47nm f=0.1795	
65 → 70	0.11630
69 → 71	0.68050

### ***E-7b***

Excited State 1: 2.6046 eV 476.02nm f=0.0000	
72 → 74	0.64523
72 → 75	-0.28063
Excited State 2: 2.7387 eV 452.71nm f=0.9661	
73 → 74	0.70457
Excited State 3: 3.3859 eV 366.18nm f=0.0064	
71 → 74	0.69063
71 → 75	-0.12132
Excited State 4: 3.8322 eV 323.53nm f=0.1983	
73 → 75	0.68652
Excited State 5: 3.8828 eV 319.32nm f=0.0001	
67 → 74	0.34492
67 → 75	0.15432
72 → 74	0.23652
72 → 75	0.53830

### ***E-8a***

Excited State 1: 2.6989 eV 459.38nm f=0.0000	
75 → 77	0.66524
75 → 78	0.22617
Excited State 2: 2.9182 eV 424.87nm f=1.3910	
76 → 77	0.70327
Excited State 3: 3.6246 eV 342.06nm f=0.0108	
74 → 77	0.68956

74  $\rightarrow$  78      0.10631  
 Excited State 4: 3.9461 eV 314.19nm f=0.2079  
 73  $\rightarrow$  77      0.65068  
 76  $\rightarrow$  78      0.24701  
 Excited State 5: 4.1216 eV 300.82nm f=0.0116  
 72  $\rightarrow$  77      0.59986  
 76  $\rightarrow$  78      -0.26795  
 76  $\rightarrow$  80      0.20409

### ***E-8b***

Excited State 1: 2.6267 eV 472.01nm f=0.0000  
 79  $\rightarrow$  81      0.66776  
 79  $\rightarrow$  82      0.21089  
 Excited State 2: 2.6948 eV 460.08nm f=1.2658  
 80  $\rightarrow$  81      0.70465  
 Excited State 3: 3.4845 eV 355.81nm f=0.0597  
 78  $\rightarrow$  81      0.69049  
 Excited State 4: 3.8081 eV 325.58nm f=0.1273  
 77  $\rightarrow$  81      0.55470  
 80  $\rightarrow$  82      0.42233  
 Excited State 5: 3.9619 eV 312.94nm f=0.1804  
 76  $\rightarrow$  81      -0.11698  
 77  $\rightarrow$  81      -0.41342  
 80  $\rightarrow$  82      0.54495

### ***E-9a***

Excited State 1: 2.8658 eV 432.64nm f=0.0487  
 74  $\rightarrow$  79      0.11415  
 77  $\rightarrow$  79      0.65411  
 78  $\rightarrow$  79      -0.22006  
 Excited State 2: 3.3741 eV 367.46nm f=0.8236  
 77  $\rightarrow$  79      0.21272  
 78  $\rightarrow$  79      0.66548  
 Excited State 3: 3.7979 eV 326.46nm f=0.0191  
 76  $\rightarrow$  79      0.69091  
 Excited State 4: 4.2520 eV 291.59nm f=0.0162  
 75  $\rightarrow$  79      0.67403  
 78  $\rightarrow$  82      -0.17276  
 Excited State 5: 4.5096 eV 274.93nm f=0.1902  
 74  $\rightarrow$  79      0.66824  
 76  $\rightarrow$  80      -0.15106



77 → 79      -0.10450

### ***E-9b***

Excited State 1: 2.8777 eV 430.84nm f=0.0674

78 → 83      0.10720

80 → 83      0.14735

81 → 83      0.63288

82 → 83      -0.23586

Excited State 2: 3.3226 eV 373.15nm f=0.8861

81 → 83      0.24096

82 → 83      0.66082

Excited State 3: 3.8104 eV 325.38nm f=0.0196

80 → 83      0.67978

81 → 83      -0.12579

82 → 84      0.10456

Excited State 4: 4.2725 eV 290.19nm f=0.0139

79 → 83      0.66761

82 → 86      0.19332

Excited State 5: 4.5248 eV 274.01nm f=0.1694

78 → 83      0.66574

80 → 84      0.16509

81 → 83      -0.10783

### ***E-10a***

Excited State 1: 2.8003 eV 442.76nm f=0.0104

72 → 76      0.42064

73 → 76      0.40028

74 → 76      0.38507

Excited State 2: 3.2411 eV 382.53nm f=0.6687

74 → 76      0.12100

75 → 76      0.68837

Excited State 3: 3.4137 eV 363.20nm f=0.0917

72 → 76      -0.21819

73 → 76      -0.32486

74 → 76      0.57476

75 → 76      -0.11184

Excited State 4: 3.8182 eV 324.72nm f=0.0894

72 → 76      0.49983

73 → 76      -0.47065

Excited State 5: 3.9110 eV 317.02nm f=0.0119

71 → 76      0.68932

75  $\rightarrow$  77      -0.11707

### ***E-10b***

Excited State 1: 2.6948 eV 460.09nm f=0.0240

75  $\rightarrow$  80      0.47538

76  $\rightarrow$  80      0.25152

78  $\rightarrow$  80      0.41146

79  $\rightarrow$  80      0.13600

Excited State 2: 2.9944 eV 414.06nm f=0.7069

78  $\rightarrow$  80      -0.10807

79  $\rightarrow$  80      0.69002

Excited State 3: 3.2893 eV 376.93nm f=0.0044

75  $\rightarrow$  80      -0.34717

76  $\rightarrow$  80      -0.19912

77  $\rightarrow$  80      -0.14164

78  $\rightarrow$  80      0.56111

Excited State 4: 3.6686 eV 337.96nm f=0.0454

76  $\rightarrow$  80      -0.16575

77  $\rightarrow$  80      0.66699

Excited State 5: 3.7587 eV 329.86nm f=0.0491

75  $\rightarrow$  80      -0.34414

76  $\rightarrow$  80      0.59635

### ***E-11a***

Excited State 1: 2.8292 eV 438.23nm f=0.0000

89  $\rightarrow$  91      0.69865

Excited State 2: 3.2765 eV 378.40nm f=0.8728

90  $\rightarrow$  91      0.70183

Excited State 3: 3.7551 eV 330.18nm f=0.0141

88  $\rightarrow$  91      0.69398

Excited State 4: 4.1608 eV 297.98nm f=0.0285

86  $\rightarrow$  91      0.17571

90  $\rightarrow$  92      0.67435

Excited State 5: 4.4775 eV 276.91nm f=0.0000

89  $\rightarrow$  92      0.70590

### ***E-11b***

Excited State 1: 2.8393 eV 436.67nm f=0.0000

93  $\rightarrow$  95      0.69857

Excited State 2: 3.2121 eV 385.99nm f=0.9543

94 → 95 0.70249

Excited State 3: 3.7606 eV 329.69nm f=0.0130

92 → 95 0.69237

Excited State 4: 4.0784 eV 304.00nm f=0.0379

90 → 95 -0.15349

94 → 96 0.68188

Excited State 5: 4.4544 eV 278.34nm f=0.0000

93 → 96 0.70590

### ***E-12a***

Excited State 1: 2.8498 eV 435.06nm f=0.0000

73 → 75 0.70126

Excited State 2: 3.4173 eV 362.82nm f=0.8566

74 → 75 0.70220

Excited State 3: 4.1900 eV 295.91nm f=0.0272

72 → 75 0.67009

74 → 76 0.19490

Excited State 4: 4.3395 eV 285.71nm f=0.0103

70 → 75 0.49834

71 → 75 -0.44581

74 → 78 0.18243

Excited State 5: 4.5136 eV 274.69nm f=0.1350

70 → 75 0.43694

71 → 75 0.50282

72 → 75 -0.10930

72 → 76 -0.11118

74 → 76 0.10576

### ***E-12b***

Excited State 1: 2.8545 eV 434.34nm f=0.0000

77 → 79 0.70111

Excited State 2: 3.3428 eV 370.90nm f=0.9032

78 → 79 0.70299

Excited State 3: 4.1791 eV 296.68nm f=0.0212

76 → 79 0.65402

78 → 80 0.24184

Excited State 4: 4.3573 eV 284.54nm f=0.0069

74 → 79 0.52571

75 → 79 -0.39754

78 → 81 0.20167

Excited State 5: 4.5153 eV 274.59nm f=0.1618

74	→ 79	0.37384
75	→ 79	0.47514
76	→ 79	-0.17177
76	→ 80	-0.12346
78	→ 80	0.25523

### ***E-12c***

Excited State 1: 2.8304 eV 438.05nm f=0.0001

93	→ 95	0.70049
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Excited State 2: 3.3329 eV 372.00nm f=0.9671

94	→ 95	0.70280
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Excited State 3: 4.1408 eV 299.42nm f=0.0247

92	→ 95	0.65805
94	→ 96	0.21815

Excited State 4: 4.3190 eV 287.07nm f=0.0067

90	→ 95	0.50877
91	→ 95	0.43138
94	→ 99	0.17548

Excited State 5: 4.4678 eV 277.51nm f=0.2422

90	→ 95	-0.39017
91	→ 95	0.42564
92	→ 95	0.16961
92	→ 96	0.11655
94	→ 96	-0.30705

### ***E-12d***

Excited State 1: 2.7290 eV 454.32nm f=0.0000

102	→ 107	-0.17844
105	→ 107	0.67804

Excited State 2: 3.1327 eV 395.77nm f=0.8128

106	→ 107	0.70536
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Excited State 3: 3.9758 eV 311.85nm f=0.0189

103	→ 107	0.50932
104	→ 107	-0.45545
106	→ 108	0.12010

Excited State 4: 4.0624 eV 305.20nm f=0.0001

102	→ 107	0.67037
103	→ 107	-0.10426
105	→ 107	0.18174

Excited State 5: 4.0948 eV 302.78nm f=0.0043

103	→107	0.44796
104	→107	0.53488

### **Z-1a**

Excited State 1: 2.9657 eV 418.06nm f=0.0025

55	→ 59	-0.16858
57	→ 59	0.67837

Excited State 2: 3.8265 eV 324.02nm f=0.2449

58	→ 59	0.69470
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Excited State 3: 4.1815 eV 296.51nm f=0.0916

56	→ 59	0.69369
58	→ 60	-0.10603

Excited State 4: 4.2588 eV 291.12nm f=0.0006

55	→ 59	0.67472
57	→ 59	0.17144

Excited State 5: 4.6888 eV 264.43nm f=0.0038

54	→ 59	0.70272
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### **Z-1b**

Excited State 1: 2.9900 eV 414.66nm f=0.0025

59	→ 63	-0.16413
61	→ 63	0.68004

Excited State 2: 3.7798 eV 328.02nm f=0.3076

62	→ 63	0.69692
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Excited State 3: 4.1761 eV 296.89nm f=0.0723

60	→ 63	0.68810
62	→ 64	-0.13411

Excited State 4: 4.2826 eV 289.51nm f=0.0005

59	→ 63	0.67473
61	→ 63	0.16861

Excited State 5: 4.7183 eV 262.78nm f=0.0255

58	→ 63	0.67589
62	→ 64	0.18577

### **Z-1c**

Excited State 1: 2.9141 eV 425.46nm f=0.0035

75	→ 79	-0.14493
77	→ 79	0.65788
78	→ 79	-0.15953

Excited State 2: 3.6605 eV 338.71nm f=0.3544

77 → 79 0.15427

78 → 79 0.68040

Excited State 3: 4.0733 eV 304.38nm f=0.0353

76 → 79 0.68838

Excited State 4: 4.1910 eV 295.83nm f=0.0011

73 → 79 -0.17472

74 → 79 -0.19362

75 → 79 0.61049

77 → 79 0.16983

Excited State 5: 4.5984 eV 269.63nm f=0.0045

74 → 79 0.66826

75 → 79 0.21353

## **Z-1d**

Excited State 1: 2.9517 eV 420.05nm f=0.0022

84 → 91 0.16860

89 → 91 0.67872

Excited State 2: 3.7700 eV 328.87nm f=0.3102

90 → 91 0.69660

Excited State 3: 4.1473 eV 298.95nm f=0.0714

88 → 91 0.69197

90 → 92 0.11542

Excited State 4: 4.2329 eV 292.91nm f=0.0004

84 → 91 0.63950

86 → 91 -0.22766

89 → 91 -0.15373

Excited State 5: 4.4980 eV 275.64nm f=0.0003

84 → 91 0.20969

86 → 91 0.66147

## **Z-2a**

Excited State 1: 2.9505 eV 420.22nm f=0.0134

71 → 76 -0.12964

72 → 76 0.12662

74 → 76 0.56025

75 → 76 0.38137

Excited State 2: 3.7455 eV 331.02nm f=0.2471

74 → 76 -0.36473

75 → 76 0.58561

Excited State 3: 4.0805 eV 303.84nm f=0.0872

73 → 76      0.69407  
 Excited State 4: 4.1678 eV 297.48nm f=0.0055  
 71 → 76      -0.33318  
 72 → 76      0.58099  
 74 → 76      -0.19497  
 Excited State 5: 4.5200 eV 274.30nm f=0.0030  
 71 → 76      0.58123  
 72 → 76      0.36282

## **Z-2b**

Excited State 1: 2.9810 eV 415.92nm f=0.0130  
 75 → 80      -0.12538  
 76 → 80      -0.12244  
 78 → 80      0.59661  
 79 → 80      -0.32244  
 Excited State 2: 3.7106 eV 334.13nm f=0.3099  
 78 → 80      0.30762  
 79 → 80      0.61933  
 Excited State 3: 4.0853 eV 303.49nm f=0.0716  
 77 → 80      0.69070  
 Excited State 4: 4.1979 eV 295.35nm f=0.0039  
 75 → 80      0.34091  
 76 → 80      0.57961  
 78 → 80      0.18652  
 Excited State 5: 4.5520 eV 272.37nm f=0.0031  
 75 → 80      0.57481  
 76 → 80      -0.36246

## **Z-3a**

Excited State 1: 2.8594 eV 433.60nm f=0.0205  
 58 → 63      -0.12402  
 59 → 63      -0.18345  
 60 → 63      -0.11868  
 61 → 63      0.37368  
 62 → 63      0.53788  
 Excited State 2: 3.7390 eV 331.59nm f=0.1207  
 58 → 63      0.18747  
 59 → 63      0.37940  
 60 → 63      0.27256  
 61 → 63      -0.25555  
 62 → 63      0.41528

Excited State 3: 3.8664 eV 320.67nm f=0.1346

58 → 63	0.16048
59 → 63	0.30373
60 → 63	0.24008
61 → 63	0.53020
62 → 63	-0.17331

Excited State 4: 4.1458 eV 299.06nm f=0.0733

59 → 63	-0.38211
60 → 63	0.57350

Excited State 5: 4.4242 eV 280.24nm f=0.0034

58 → 63	0.62389
59 → 63	-0.26929
62 → 64	0.10242

### **Z-3b**

Excited State 1: 2.8987 eV 427.72nm f=0.0152

62 → 67	0.11969
63 → 67	0.18810
64 → 67	-0.10587
65 → 67	-0.46339
66 → 67	0.46356

Excited State 2: 3.7358 eV 331.88nm f=0.2311

62 → 67	-0.13018
63 → 67	-0.28605
64 → 67	0.17125
65 → 67	0.31599
66 → 67	0.51055

Excited State 3: 3.8641 eV 320.86nm f=0.0887

62 → 67	0.21261
63 → 67	0.42076
64 → 67	-0.28199
65 → 67	0.41522
66 → 67	0.12064

Excited State 4: 4.1529 eV 298.55nm f=0.0600

63 → 67	0.33757
64 → 67	0.59384
66 → 68	-0.12483

Excited State 5: 4.4578 eV 278.13nm f=0.0027

62 → 67	0.62282
63 → 67	-0.28312

### **Z-4a**



Excited State 1: 2.9078 eV 426.38nm f=0.0271

58 → 63 -0.13350

61 → 63 0.52221

62 → 63 -0.44024

Excited State 2: 3.7176 eV 333.51nm f=0.2283

59 → 63 -0.10585

61 → 63 0.41472

62 → 63 0.54458

Excited State 3: 4.0479 eV 306.29nm f=0.0852

60 → 63 0.69074

Excited State 4: 4.2245 eV 293.49nm f=0.0141

58 → 63 0.41427

59 → 63 0.51291

61 → 63 0.19940

Excited State 5: 4.5246 eV 274.02nm f=0.0028

58 → 63 0.51390

59 → 63 -0.44352

62 → 64 -0.12744

## **Z-4b**

Excited State 1: 2.9421 eV 421.42nm f=0.0252

62 → 67 -0.12768

65 → 67 0.56590

66 → 67 -0.38218

Excited State 2: 3.6913 eV 335.88nm f=0.2927

65 → 67 0.35985

66 → 67 0.58630

Excited State 3: 4.0588 eV 305.47nm f=0.0726

64 → 67 0.68796

Excited State 4: 4.2430 eV 292.21nm f=0.0101

62 → 67 -0.41557

63 → 67 0.51678

65 → 67 -0.18717

Excited State 5: 4.5622 eV 271.76nm f=0.0073

62 → 67 0.49468

63 → 67 0.43194

66 → 68 0.19875

## **Z-5a**

Excited State 1: 2.7755 eV 446.70nm f=0.0029

79 → 82	-0.32243
81 → 82	0.61628
Excited State 2: 3.4099 eV 363.60nm f=0.0066	
76 → 82	-0.12144
77 → 82	0.16781
79 → 82	0.57422
81 → 82	0.34039
Excited State 3: 3.8161 eV 324.90nm f=0.2476	
80 → 82	0.69277
Excited State 4: 4.1869 eV 296.13nm f=0.0942	
78 → 82	0.67768
79 → 82	-0.11303
80 → 83	-0.10726
Excited State 5: 4.3373 eV 285.86nm f=0.0014	
76 → 82	-0.39494
77 → 82	0.51546
78 → 82	-0.11993
79 → 82	-0.21199

## **Z-5b**

Excited State 1: 2.8027 eV 442.38nm f=0.0029	
83 → 86	0.31883
85 → 86	0.61662
Excited State 2: 3.4365 eV 360.79nm f=0.0081	
80 → 86	-0.10349
81 → 86	0.17460
83 → 86	0.57418
85 → 86	-0.33876
Excited State 3: 3.7685 eV 329.01nm f=0.3068	
84 → 86	0.69313
Excited State 4: 4.1812 eV 296.52nm f=0.0744	
82 → 86	0.67064
83 → 86	-0.12492
84 → 87	-0.13631
Excited State 5: 4.3630 eV 284.17nm f=0.0016	
80 → 86	-0.34771
81 → 86	0.55095
82 → 86	-0.11770
83 → 86	-0.20497

## **Z-6a**

Excited State 1: 2.8582 eV 433.79nm f=0.0153

59 → 63     -0.26395  
61 → 63     -0.27280  
62 → 63     0.58973

Excited State 2: 3.7872 eV 327.37nm f=0.1651

59 → 63     0.43773  
61 → 63     0.38787  
62 → 63     0.37943

Excited State 3: 3.8919 eV 318.57nm f=0.0747

59 → 63     -0.46753  
61 → 63     0.51139

Excited State 4: 4.1789 eV 296.69nm f=0.0857

60 → 63     0.68870

Excited State 5: 4.5177 eV 274.44nm f=0.0659

58 → 63     -0.11463  
58 → 66     0.11622  
61 → 64     -0.13149  
62 → 64     0.61976  
62 → 65     -0.21940

## **Z-6b**

Excited State 1: 2.9067 eV 426.54nm f=0.0031

63 → 67     -0.26332  
65 → 67     -0.28449  
66 → 67     0.58311

Excited State 2: 3.7928 eV 326.89nm f=0.2996

63 → 67     0.12788  
65 → 67     0.59130  
66 → 67     0.34801

Excited State 3: 3.8743 eV 320.02nm f=0.0092

63 → 67     0.62883  
65 → 67     -0.23877  
66 → 67     0.17319

Excited State 4: 4.1892 eV 295.96nm f=0.0689

64 → 67     0.68642  
65 → 68     0.11315

Excited State 5: 4.5428 eV 272.93nm f=0.0342

62 → 70     -0.12828  
65 → 68     -0.21665  
65 → 69     0.10347  
66 → 68     0.60602  
66 → 69     -0.21417

### **Z-7a**

Excited State 1: 3.0229 eV 410.15nm f=0.0028

65 → 71 -0.12124

68 → 71 0.66141

69 → 70 -0.20077

Excited State 2: 3.1359 eV 395.37nm f=0.0000

68 → 71 0.19830

69 → 70 0.67297

Excited State 3: 3.3479 eV 370.33nm f=0.3076

68 → 70 0.66225

69 → 71 -0.23274

Excited State 4: 3.7353 eV 331.93nm f=0.0002

67 → 70 0.70497

Excited State 5: 3.8037 eV 325.96nm f=0.1772

68 → 70 0.22883

69 → 71 0.65824

### **Z-7b**

Excited State 1: 3.0057 eV 412.50nm f=0.0014

72 → 75 0.36770

73 → 74 0.59399

Excited State 2: 3.0779 eV 402.81nm f=0.0014

69 → 75 0.10569

72 → 75 0.58378

73 → 74 -0.37537

Excited State 3: 3.3125 eV 374.29nm f=0.3114

72 → 74 0.65596

73 → 75 0.25079

Excited State 4: 3.6995 eV 335.13nm f=0.0002

71 → 74 0.70501

Excited State 5: 3.7739 eV 328.53nm f=0.2294

72 → 74 -0.24733

73 → 75 0.65150

### **Z-8a**

Excited State 1: 2.9529 eV 419.87nm f=0.0093

73 → 78 -0.26321

75 → 77 0.17095

75 → 78 0.54179

76 → 77	0.12366
76 → 78	0.28157
Excited State 2: 3.5695 eV 347.35nm f=0.5416	
75 → 77	0.25347
75 → 78	-0.28684
76 → 77	0.55068
76 → 78	0.19787
Excited State 3: 3.7101 eV 334.18nm f=0.1158	
75 → 77	0.48137
75 → 78	-0.17835
76 → 77	-0.40649
76 → 78	0.24664
Excited State 4: 3.9099 eV 317.11nm f=0.2449	
75 → 77	-0.38863
75 → 78	-0.12737
76 → 78	0.55013
Excited State 5: 4.1004 eV 302.37nm f=0.0072	
69 → 78	0.15112
73 → 77	0.22333
73 → 78	0.58323
75 → 78	0.25777

## **Z-8b**

Excited State 1: 2.9816 eV 415.82nm f=0.0056	
77 → 82	-0.26439
79 → 81	0.11165
79 → 82	0.62407
80 → 82	-0.11810
Excited State 2: 3.5323 eV 351.00nm f=0.4773	
79 → 81	-0.36673
79 → 82	0.15758
80 → 81	0.48826
80 → 82	0.30520
Excited State 3: 3.6028 eV 344.13nm f=0.1711	
79 → 81	0.38602
80 → 81	0.49978
80 → 82	-0.29493
Excited State 4: 3.8893 eV 318.78nm f=0.2941	
79 → 81	0.42959
80 → 82	0.54208
Excited State 5: 4.1245 eV 300.61nm f=0.0619	
77 → 82	0.11320
78 → 81	0.22373

78 → 82	0.63579
80 → 83	0.10794

### **Z-9a**

Excited State 1: 2.9807 eV 415.96nm f=0.0296

74 → 79	-0.16367
76 → 79	0.33699
77 → 79	0.48105
78 → 79	0.34876

Excited State 2: 3.6158 eV 342.90nm f=0.2207

76 → 79	-0.15607
77 → 79	-0.29897
78 → 79	0.60637

Excited State 3: 3.8869 eV 318.98nm f=0.0964

76 → 79	0.58470
77 → 79	-0.38303

Excited State 4: 4.3299 eV 286.35nm f=0.0092

74 → 79	0.66261
77 → 79	0.15336

Excited State 5: 4.3643 eV 284.09nm f=0.0028

75 → 79	0.69746
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### **Z-9b**

Excited State 1: 3.0545 eV 405.91nm f=0.0056

78 → 83	-0.16599
81 → 83	0.67203
82 → 83	-0.11643

Excited State 2: 3.6130 eV 343.16nm f=0.3119

81 → 83	0.11215
82 → 83	0.68833

Excited State 3: 3.9310 eV 315.40nm f=0.0881

80 → 83	0.69800
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Excited State 4: 4.3516 eV 284.92nm f=0.0013

78 → 83	0.67348
81 → 83	0.16857

Excited State 5: 4.4382 eV 279.36nm f=0.0015

79 → 83	0.70497
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### **Z-10a**

Excited State 1: 2.8993 eV 427.64nm f=0.0040

70 → 76	0.12364
71 → 76	0.26686
72 → 76	-0.14920
73 → 76	-0.21261
74 → 76	0.57878

Excited State 2: 3.5528 eV 348.97nm f=0.0498

73 → 76	-0.21473
75 → 76	0.66780

Excited State 3: 3.8026 eV 326.05nm f=0.1647

73 → 76	0.62956
74 → 76	0.19827
75 → 76	0.20104

Excited State 4: 3.8295 eV 323.76nm f=0.0466

70 → 76	0.23870
71 → 76	0.47611
72 → 76	-0.29061
74 → 76	-0.34248

Excited State 5: 4.1188 eV 301.02nm f=0.0868

71 → 76	0.33761
72 → 76	0.60509

## **Z-10b**

Excited State 1: 2.9271 eV 423.57nm f=0.0042

74 → 80	0.11954
75 → 80	0.26759
76 → 80	0.12986
77 → 80	-0.25909
78 → 80	0.56282

Excited State 2: 3.5731 eV 347.00nm f=0.0934

77 → 80	-0.24789
78 → 80	-0.21398
79 → 80	0.62173

Excited State 3: 3.7812 eV 327.90nm f=0.2157

77 → 80	0.56356
78 → 80	0.26025
79 → 80	0.31007

Excited State 4: 3.8573 eV 321.43nm f=0.0134

74 → 80	0.22974
75 → 80	0.49880
76 → 80	0.28049
77 → 80	0.21274
78 → 80	-0.25291

Excited State 5: 4.1194 eV 300.98nm f=0.0693

75 → 80      -0.30785

76 → 80      0.61542

### **Z-11a**

Excited State 1: 3.0346 eV 408.56nm f=0.0027

87 → 91      0.11576

89 → 91      0.69213

Excited State 2: 3.7436 eV 331.19nm f=0.2539

89 → 93      -0.10041

90 → 91      0.69408

Excited State 3: 4.0600 eV 305.38nm f=0.0510

88 → 91      0.67042

90 → 92      0.19639

Excited State 4: 4.1683 eV 297.44nm f=0.1254

88 → 91      -0.19663

90 → 92      0.67172

Excited State 5: 4.2320 eV 292.97nm f=0.0155

89 → 92      0.69598

### **Z-11b**

Excited State 1: 3.0607 eV 405.08nm f=0.0027

91 → 95      0.11271

93 → 95      0.69148

Excited State 2: 3.7037 eV 334.76nm f=0.3135

93 → 97      -0.10647

94 → 95      0.69329

Excited State 3: 4.0430 eV 306.66nm f=0.0006

92 → 95      -0.46428

94 → 96      0.52240

Excited State 4: 4.1005 eV 302.36nm f=0.1644

92 → 95      0.51895

94 → 96      0.46845

Excited State 5: 4.2119 eV 294.36nm f=0.0144

93 → 96      0.69622

### **Z-12a**

Excited State 1: 2.8605 eV 433.44nm f=0.0195

70 → 75      0.16572



73 → 75	-0.40640
74 → 75	0.54342

Excited State 2: 3.8358 eV 323.23nm f=0.2279

70 → 75	-0.14117
73 → 75	0.52452
74 → 75	0.43874

Excited State 3: 4.1746 eV 297.00nm f=0.0065

70 → 75	0.61394
72 → 75	-0.23003
73 → 75	0.21245

Excited State 4: 4.3127 eV 287.48nm f=0.0389

70 → 75	0.20449
71 → 75	0.14299
72 → 75	0.63200
74 → 76	0.16368

Excited State 5: 4.5364 eV 273.31nm f=0.0036

70 → 75	-0.10566
71 → 75	0.67660

### **Z-12b**

Excited State 1: 2.9189 eV 424.77nm f=0.0033

74 → 79	0.16859
77 → 79	0.62948
78 → 79	0.25285

Excited State 2: 3.8091 eV 325.49nm f=0.3010

77 → 79	-0.25252
78 → 79	0.64950

Excited State 3: 4.1941 eV 295.62nm f=0.0009

74 → 79	0.66885
77 → 79	-0.17218

Excited State 4: 4.3373 eV 285.85nm f=0.0336

76 → 79	0.67268
78 → 80	0.16083

Excited State 5: 4.6039 eV 269.30nm f=0.0055

75 → 79	0.68900
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### **Z-12c**

Excited State 1: 2.7926 eV 443.97nm f=0.0442

90 → 95	-0.13341
93 → 95	0.39163
94 → 95	0.55078

Excited State 2: 3.6871 eV 336.26nm f=0.2654

90	→ 95	-0.13633
93	→ 95	0.51942
94	→ 95	-0.43309

Excited State 3: 4.1325 eV 300.02nm f=0.0150

88	→ 95	0.15104
89	→ 95	0.12345
90	→ 95	-0.42527
92	→ 95	0.45344
93	→ 95	-0.23338

Excited State 4: 4.2252 eV 293.44nm f=0.0070

88	→ 95	-0.15320
89	→ 95	-0.10077
90	→ 95	0.39199
91	→ 95	-0.14491
92	→ 95	0.47126
94	→ 96	0.22148

Excited State 5: 4.4540 eV 278.37nm f=0.0070

91	→ 95	0.67058
94	→ 96	0.10112

## **Z-12d**

Excited State 1: 2.8548 eV 434.30nm f=0.0157

100	→107	0.16641
105	→107	-0.44287
106	→107	0.51248

Excited State 2: 3.7807 eV 327.94nm f=0.2798

100	→107	-0.11325
105	→107	0.50134
106	→107	0.47267

Excited State 3: 4.1457 eV 299.07nm f=0.0046

100	→107	0.59200
102	→107	-0.21599
103	→107	0.21170
105	→107	0.17400

Excited State 4: 4.2862 eV 289.26nm f=0.0268

100	→107	0.10832
101	→107	0.10750
102	→107	0.50683
103	→107	0.27397
104	→107	0.33331
106	→108	0.14925

Excited State 5: 4.3712 eV 283.64nm f=0.0013

100	→107	-0.24495
102	→107	-0.16939
103	→107	0.60744
104	→107	-0.11149

#### 8.3.4. Transitions in MeOH

##### ***E-1a***

Excited State 1: 2.8592 eV 433.64nm f=0.0000

57 → 59 0.70085

Excited State 2: 3.3891 eV 365.83nm f=0.8831

58 → 59 0.70143

Excited State 3: 3.9658 eV 312.63nm f=0.0125

56 → 59 0.68675

58 → 60 0.13552

Excited State 4: 4.3968 eV 281.99nm f=0.0068

54 → 59 0.58959

55 → 59 0.27306

55 → 61 0.11117

58 → 61 0.24106

Excited State 5: 4.5288 eV 273.77nm f=0.1082

54 → 59 -0.24660

55 → 59 0.62347

56 → 60 0.15040

##### ***E-1b***

Excited State 1: 2.8686 eV 432.22nm f=0.0000

61 → 63 0.70056

Excited State 2: 3.3218 eV 373.24nm f=0.9467

62 → 63 0.70209

Excited State 3: 3.9599 eV 313.10nm f=0.0110

60 → 63 0.68006

62 → 64 0.16618

Excited State 4: 4.4023 eV 281.64nm f=0.0026

58 → 63 0.57454

59 → 63 0.26041

59 → 65 0.11157

62 → 65 0.27014

Excited State 5: 4.4919 eV 276.02nm f=0.0932

60 → 63 -0.16006

62 → 64      0.66470

### ***E-1c***

Excited State 1: 2.7276 eV 454.56nm f=0.0001

76 → 79      0.58593

77 → 79      0.38395

Excited State 2: 3.0219 eV 410.28nm f=0.8182

78 → 79      0.70558

Excited State 3: 3.7164 eV 333.62nm f=0.0263

76 → 79      -0.38223

77 → 79      0.58029

Excited State 4: 4.2319 eV 292.97nm f=0.0153

74 → 79      0.59747

75 → 79      0.30690

78 → 83      -0.17548

Excited State 5: 4.3286 eV 286.43nm f=0.1720

74 → 79      -0.28919

75 → 79      0.60390

78 → 80      0.10582

78 → 83      0.10247

### ***E-1d***

Excited State 1: 2.8528 eV 434.60nm f=0.0000

89 → 91      0.70061

Excited State 2: 3.3332 eV 371.97nm f=1.0304

90 → 91      0.70149

Excited State 3: 3.9448 eV 314.30nm f=0.0129

88 → 91      0.68387

90 → 92      -0.14722

Excited State 4: 4.3368 eV 285.89nm f=0.0002

86 → 91      0.67316

87 → 91      -0.20028

Excited State 5: 4.3846 eV 282.77nm f=0.0020

84 → 91      -0.39617

85 → 91      -0.20845

86 → 91      0.14539

87 → 91      0.48564

90 → 94      -0.16498

### ***E-2a***

Excited State 1: 2.7674 eV 448.02nm f=0.0000

74 → 76 0.70013

Excited State 2: 3.2810 eV 377.89nm f=0.8234

75 → 76 0.70078

Excited State 3: 3.8342 eV 323.36nm f=0.0148

73 → 76 0.69164

75 → 77 0.10343

Excited State 4: 4.0581 eV 305.52nm f=0.0202

71 → 76 -0.11785

72 → 76 0.66810

75 → 78 0.14636

Excited State 5: 4.4490 eV 278.68nm f=0.0965

71 → 76 0.66449

72 → 76 0.13076

73 → 77 -0.12544

### ***E-2b***

Excited State 1: 2.7782 eV 446.28nm f=0.0001

78 → 80 0.69996

Excited State 2: 3.2171 eV 385.39nm f=0.8954

79 → 80 0.70157

Excited State 3: 3.8345 eV 323.34nm f=0.0144

77 → 80 0.68889

79 → 81 0.12273

Excited State 4: 4.0740 eV 304.33nm f=0.0167

75 → 80 -0.11590

76 → 80 0.66275

79 → 82 0.16832

Excited State 5: 4.4618 eV 277.88nm f=0.0930

75 → 80 0.65132

76 → 80 0.13936

77 → 81 -0.13927

### ***E-3a***

Excited State 1: 2.8144 eV 440.53nm f=0.0000

61 → 63 0.70066

Excited State 2: 3.2469 eV 381.85nm f=0.8490

62 → 63 0.69921

Excited State 3: 3.9357 eV 315.03nm f=0.0397

59 → 63 -0.44542

60 → 63	0.51982
Excited State 4: 3.9494 eV 313.93nm f=0.0084	
59 → 63	0.52116
60 → 63	0.44634
62 → 64	0.11325
Excited State 5: 4.5107 eV 274.87nm f=0.0857	
58 → 63	0.64863
60 → 64	-0.13064
62 → 64	0.17542

### ***E-3b***

Excited State 1: 2.8228 eV 439.22nm f=0.0000	
65 → 67	0.70039
Excited State 2: 3.1874 eV 388.98nm f=0.9148	
66 → 67	0.70048
Excited State 3: 3.9257 eV 315.82nm f=0.0218	
63 → 67	-0.13663
64 → 67	0.66424
66 → 68	0.15459
Excited State 4: 3.9571 eV 313.32nm f=0.0181	
63 → 67	0.67060
64 → 67	0.13245
Excited State 5: 4.4067 eV 281.36nm f=0.0846	
64 → 67	-0.17273
66 → 68	0.66711

### ***E-4a***

Excited State 1: 2.8342 eV 437.45nm f=0.0000	
61 → 63	0.70088
Excited State 2: 3.3155 eV 373.95nm f=0.8784	
62 → 63	0.70158
Excited State 3: 3.8726 eV 320.16nm f=0.0137	
60 → 63	0.69033
62 → 64	0.11514
Excited State 4: 4.2516 eV 291.62nm f=0.0193	
58 → 63	-0.25534
59 → 63	0.62234
62 → 65	0.16901
Excited State 5: 4.4944 eV 275.86nm f=0.1193	
58 → 63	0.62812
59 → 63	0.26059

60 → 64      -0.14239

#### ***E-4b***

Excited State 1: 2.8429 eV 436.12nm f=0.0000

65 → 67      0.70066

Excited State 2: 3.2505 eV 381.44nm f=0.9451

66 → 67      0.70226

Excited State 3: 3.8719 eV 320.22nm f=0.0131

64 → 67      0.68641

66 → 68      0.13739

Excited State 4: 4.2640 eV 290.77nm f=0.0147

62 → 67      -0.24581

63 → 67      0.61972

66 → 69      0.18571

Excited State 5: 4.4955 eV 275.79nm f=0.1059

62 → 67      0.27563

63 → 67      0.15504

64 → 67      -0.14017

64 → 68      -0.10310

66 → 68      0.59561

#### ***E-5a***

Excited State 1: 2.8231 eV 439.17nm f=0.0945

79 → 82      0.56918

80 → 82      -0.24372

81 → 82      0.30974

Excited State 2: 3.0215 eV 410.35nm f=0.3105

79 → 82      -0.20942

80 → 82      0.27408

81 → 82      0.61154

Excited State 3: 3.6447 eV 340.18nm f=0.3929

79 → 82      0.32863

80 → 82      0.59483

81 → 82      -0.15138

Excited State 4: 4.0103 eV 309.16nm f=0.0096

78 → 82      0.67440

81 → 83      0.17354

Excited State 5: 4.4077 eV 281.29nm f=0.0515

77 → 82      0.15604

78 → 82      -0.17702

81 → 83      0.64567

### ***E-5b***

Excited State 1: 2.8260 eV 438.72nm f=0.1320

83 → 86 0.56443

84 → 86 -0.19560

85 → 86 0.34953

Excited State 2: 3.0167 eV 410.99nm f=0.3508

83 → 86 -0.25874

84 → 86 0.28174

85 → 86 0.58840

Excited State 3: 3.6083 eV 343.61nm f=0.3797

83 → 86 0.30036

84 → 86 0.60899

85 → 86 -0.15726

Excited State 4: 3.9989 eV 310.05nm f=0.0071

82 → 86 0.65610

85 → 87 0.23169

Excited State 5: 4.3211 eV 286.93nm f=0.0610

82 → 86 -0.23528

85 → 87 0.64662

### ***E-6a***

Excited State 1: 2.9402 eV 421.69nm f=0.0000

61 → 63 0.70086

Excited State 2: 3.3246 eV 372.93nm f=0.9743

62 → 63 0.70216

Excited State 3: 4.0506 eV 306.09nm f=0.0073

60 → 63 0.67134

62 → 64 0.19611

Excited State 4: 4.3713 eV 283.63nm f=0.0280

59 → 63 0.67674

60 → 64 0.10957

Excited State 5: 4.4425 eV 279.08nm f=0.0288

58 → 63 0.43414

59 → 65 0.10958

62 → 64 -0.27400

62 → 65 0.45517

### ***E-6b***



Excited State 1: 2.9489 eV 420.44nm f=0.0000

65 → 67 0.70048

Excited State 2: 3.2643 eV 379.82nm f=1.0271

66 → 67 0.70274

Excited State 3: 4.0330 eV 307.42nm f=0.0044

64 → 67 0.64792

66 → 68 0.25683

Excited State 4: 4.3607 eV 284.32nm f=0.0652

63 → 67 -0.42073

64 → 67 -0.24611

66 → 68 0.48704

Excited State 5: 4.3894 eV 282.46nm f=0.0427

62 → 67 -0.18115

63 → 67 0.48167

66 → 68 0.36924

66 → 69 -0.24859

### ***E-7a***

Excited State 1: 2.5980 eV 477.23nm f=0.0000

68 → 70 0.64472

68 → 71 -0.28252

Excited State 2: 2.8275 eV 438.49nm f=0.8665

69 → 70 0.70448

Excited State 3: 3.3889 eV 365.85nm f=0.0078

67 → 70 0.69117

67 → 71 -0.12147

Excited State 4: 3.8935 eV 318.44nm f=0.0000

63 → 70 0.45910

63 → 71 0.20850

68 → 70 0.19542

68 → 71 0.44438

Excited State 5: 3.9164 eV 316.58nm f=0.1811

65 → 70 0.12540

69 → 71 0.67818

### ***E-7b***

Excited State 1: 2.6058 eV 475.79nm f=0.0000

72 → 74 0.64552

72 → 75 -0.27997

Excited State 2: 2.7600 eV 449.22nm f=0.9405

73 → 74 0.70486

Excited State 3: 3.3908 eV 365.65nm f=0.0060

71 → 74 0.69053

71 → 75 -0.12074

Excited State 4: 3.8436 eV 322.57nm f=0.2012

73 → 75 0.68531

Excited State 5: 3.8848 eV 319.15nm f=0.0001

67 → 74 0.36753

67 → 75 0.16509

72 → 74 0.22907

72 → 75 0.52338

### ***E-8a***

Excited State 1: 2.6994 eV 459.31nm f=0.0000

75 → 77 0.66540

75 → 78 0.22571

Excited State 2: 2.9395 eV 421.79nm f=1.3640

76 → 77 0.70345

Excited State 3: 3.6276 eV 341.78nm f=0.0100

74 → 77 0.68930

74 → 78 0.10568

Excited State 4: 3.9511 eV 313.80nm f=0.2070

73 → 77 0.64544

76 → 78 0.25971

Excited State 5: 4.1247 eV 300.59nm f=0.0116

72 → 77 0.60992

76 → 78 -0.24026

76 → 80 0.21023

### ***E-8b***

Excited State 1: 2.6274 eV 471.88nm f=0.0000

79 → 81 0.66988

79 → 82 0.21103

Excited State 2: 2.7152 eV 456.63nm f=1.2416

80 → 81 0.70490

Excited State 3: 3.4880 eV 355.46nm f=0.0589

78 → 81 0.69244

Excited State 4: 3.8112 eV 325.31nm f=0.1247

77 → 81 0.54902

80 → 82 0.42973

Excited State 5: 3.9754 eV 311.88nm f=0.1784

76 → 81 -0.13634

77 → 81	-0.41734
80 → 82	0.53554

### ***E-9a***

Excited State 1: 2.8669 eV 432.47nm f=0.0441

74 → 79	0.11494
77 → 79	0.65598
78 → 79	-0.21441

Excited State 2: 3.3939 eV 365.32nm f=0.8053

77 → 79	0.20828
78 → 79	0.66692

Excited State 3: 3.8010 eV 326.19nm f=0.0182

76 → 79	0.69060
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Excited State 4: 4.2525 eV 291.56nm f=0.0152

75 → 79	0.67370
78 → 82	-0.17370

Excited State 5: 4.5145 eV 274.63nm f=0.1905

74 → 79	0.66778
76 → 80	-0.15205
77 → 79	-0.10400

### ***E-9b***

Excited State 1: 2.8791 eV 430.63nm f=0.0604

78 → 83	0.10813
80 → 83	0.13088
81 → 83	0.63904
82 → 83	-0.22837

Excited State 2: 3.3427 eV 370.91nm f=0.8693

81 → 83	0.23408
82 → 83	0.66310

Excited State 3: 3.8137 eV 325.10nm f=0.0190

80 → 83	0.68222
81 → 83	-0.10702
82 → 84	0.10654

Excited State 4: 4.2730 eV 290.16nm f=0.0131

79 → 83	0.66728
82 → 86	0.19421

Excited State 5: 4.5291 eV 273.75nm f=0.1693

78 → 83	0.66513
80 → 84	0.16636
81 → 83	-0.10662

### ***E-10a***

Excited State 1: 2.8005 eV 442.72nm f=0.0093

72 → 76 0.42192

73 → 76 0.39944

74 → 76 0.38496

Excited State 2: 3.2560 eV 380.79nm f=0.6269

74 → 76 0.14083

75 → 76 0.68317

Excited State 3: 3.4138 eV 363.18nm f=0.1077

72 → 76 -0.21346

73 → 76 -0.32628

74 → 76 0.57002

75 → 76 -0.13733

Excited State 4: 3.8205 eV 324.52nm f=0.0878

72 → 76 0.49870

73 → 76 -0.47032

Excited State 5: 3.9132 eV 316.84nm f=0.0114

71 → 76 0.68860

75 → 77 -0.11902

### ***E-10b***

Excited State 1: 2.6957 eV 459.94nm f=0.0207

75 → 80 0.46859

76 → 80 0.26506

77 → 80 0.10153

78 → 80 0.41265

79 → 80 0.12868

Excited State 2: 3.0112 eV 411.74nm f=0.6899

78 → 80 -0.10520

79 → 80 0.69125

Excited State 3: 3.2884 eV 377.04nm f=0.0042

75 → 80 -0.34111

76 → 80 -0.20868

77 → 80 -0.14392

78 → 80 0.56071

Excited State 4: 3.6705 eV 337.79nm f=0.0425

76 → 80 -0.17161

77 → 80 0.66567

Excited State 5: 3.7624 eV 329.53nm f=0.0483

75 → 80 -0.36137

76 → 80      0.58521

### ***E-11a***

Excited State 1: 2.8298 eV 438.14nm f=0.0000

89 → 91      0.69870

Excited State 2: 3.2971 eV 376.04nm f=0.8511

90 → 91      0.70160

Excited State 3: 3.7578 eV 329.94nm f=0.0133

88 → 91      0.69349

Excited State 4: 4.1640 eV 297.75nm f=0.0272

86 → 91      0.17784

90 → 92      0.67355

Excited State 5: 4.4782 eV 276.86nm f=0.0000

89 → 92      0.70590

### ***E-11b***

Excited State 1: 2.8398 eV 436.59nm f=0.0000

93 → 95      0.69862

Excited State 2: 3.2334 eV 383.45nm f=0.9321

94 → 95      0.70228

Excited State 3: 3.7635 eV 329.44nm f=0.0124

92 → 95      0.69178

Excited State 4: 4.0819 eV 303.74nm f=0.0366

90 → 95      -0.15544

94 → 96      0.68124

Excited State 5: 4.4551 eV 278.30nm f=0.0000

93 → 96      0.70590

### ***E-12a***

Excited State 1: 2.8502 eV 435.00nm f=0.0000

73 → 75      0.70129

Excited State 2: 3.4369 eV 360.74nm f=0.8337

74 → 75      0.70193

Excited State 3: 4.1930 eV 295.69nm f=0.0266

72 → 75      0.66842

74 → 76      0.19812

Excited State 4: 4.3408 eV 285.63nm f=0.0096

70 → 75      0.49405

71 → 75      -0.44973

74 → 78	0.18388
Excited State 5: 4.5186 eV 274.38nm f=0.1353	
70 → 75	0.44034
71 → 75	0.49854
72 → 75	-0.11309
72 → 76	-0.11193
74 → 76	0.10392

### ***E-12b***

Excited State 1: 2.8550 eV 434.28nm f=0.0000	
77 → 79	0.70114
Excited State 2: 3.3628 eV 368.69nm f=0.8803	
78 → 79	0.70281
Excited State 3: 4.1821 eV 296.47nm f=0.0208	
76 → 79	0.65202
78 → 80	0.24533
Excited State 4: 4.3586 eV 284.46nm f=0.0065	
74 → 79	0.52291
75 → 79	-0.40032
78 → 81	0.20318
Excited State 5: 4.5204 eV 274.28nm f=0.1600	
74 → 79	0.37581
75 → 79	0.47320
76 → 79	-0.17545
76 → 80	-0.12441
78 → 80	0.25139

### ***E-12c***

Excited State 1: 2.8309 eV 437.97nm f=0.0001	
93 → 95	0.70052
Excited State 2: 3.3514 eV 369.95nm f=0.9441	
94 → 95	0.70264
Excited State 3: 4.1439 eV 299.20nm f=0.0248	
92 → 95	0.65626
94 → 96	0.22055
Excited State 4: 4.3207 eV 286.96nm f=0.0063	
90 → 95	0.50676
91 → 95	0.43285
94 → 99	0.17711
Excited State 5: 4.4726 eV 277.21nm f=0.2399	
90 → 95	-0.39002

91 → 95	0.42270
92 → 95	0.17394
92 → 96	0.11747
94 → 96	-0.30669

### ***E-12d***

Excited State 1: 2.7299 eV 454.17nm f=0.0000

102 → 107	-0.17647
105 → 107	0.67902

Excited State 2: 3.1492 eV 393.70nm f=0.7949

106 → 107	0.70545
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Excited State 3: 3.9783 eV 311.65nm f=0.0177

103 → 107	0.50554
104 → 107	0.46357
106 → 108	0.12226

Excited State 4: 4.0665 eV 304.90nm f=0.0001

102 → 107	0.67778
105 → 107	0.17815

Excited State 5: 4.0990 eV 302.48nm f=0.0041

103 → 107	-0.46154
104 → 107	0.52735

### ***Z-1a***

Excited State 1: 2.9661 eV 418.01nm f=0.0024

55 → 59	-0.16773
57 → 59	0.67854

Excited State 2: 3.8378 eV 323.06nm f=0.2326

58 → 59	0.69423
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Excited State 3: 4.1864 eV 296.16nm f=0.0876

56 → 59	0.69290
58 → 60	-0.10937

Excited State 4: 4.2602 eV 291.03nm f=0.0006

55 → 59	0.67495
57 → 59	0.17058

Excited State 5: 4.6915 eV 264.27nm f=0.0037

54 → 59	0.70260
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### ***Z-1b***

Excited State 1: 2.9904 eV 414.61nm f=0.0024

59 → 63	-0.16326
61 → 63	0.68024
Excited State 2: 3.7921 eV 326.96nm f=0.2931	
62 → 63	0.69652
Excited State 3: 4.1807 eV 296.56nm f=0.0688	
60 → 63	0.68709
62 → 64	-0.13789
Excited State 4: 4.2841 eV 289.41nm f=0.0005	
59 → 63	0.67493
61 → 63	0.16775
Excited State 5: 4.7214 eV 262.60nm f=0.0212	
58 → 63	0.68016
62 → 64	0.16996

### **Z-1c**

Excited State 1: 2.9147 eV 425.37nm f=0.0033	
75 → 79	-0.14633
77 → 79	0.65791
78 → 79	-0.16031
Excited State 2: 3.6719 eV 337.66nm f=0.3399	
77 → 79	0.15473
78 → 79	0.68002
Excited State 3: 4.0772 eV 304.09nm f=0.0337	
76 → 79	0.68783
78 → 80	0.10000
Excited State 4: 4.1927 eV 295.72nm f=0.0011	
73 → 79	-0.16961
74 → 79	-0.17320
75 → 79	0.61898
77 → 79	0.16913
Excited State 5: 4.6013 eV 269.45nm f=0.0044	
74 → 79	0.67497
75 → 79	0.19060

### **Z-1d**

Excited State 1: 2.9523 eV 419.95nm f=0.0021	
85 → 91	0.16743
89 → 91	0.67897
Excited State 2: 3.7803 eV 327.98nm f=0.2968	
90 → 91	0.69630
Excited State 3: 4.1514 eV 298.65nm f=0.0677	



88 → 91	0.69123
90 → 92	0.11873
Excited State 4: 4.2347 eV 292.78nm f=0.0003	
85 → 91	0.63863
86 → 91	-0.22668
89 → 91	-0.15331
Excited State 5: 4.5037 eV 275.30nm f=0.0003	
85 → 91	0.20856
86 → 91	0.66174

## **Z-2a**

Excited State 1: 2.9510 eV 420.14nm f=0.0126	
71 → 76	-0.12896
72 → 76	0.12642
74 → 76	0.56046
75 → 76	0.38136
Excited State 2: 3.7559 eV 330.10nm f=0.2354	
74 → 76	-0.36451
75 → 76	0.58530
Excited State 3: 4.0855 eV 303.47nm f=0.0839	
73 → 76	0.69324
Excited State 4: 4.1690 eV 297.39nm f=0.0052	
71 → 76	-0.33205
72 → 76	0.58166
74 → 76	-0.19415
Excited State 5: 4.5222 eV 274.17nm f=0.0027	
71 → 76	0.58148
72 → 76	0.36127

## **Z-2b**

Excited State 1: 2.9815 eV 415.85nm f=0.0122	
75 → 80	-0.12467
76 → 80	-0.12222
78 → 80	0.59712
79 → 80	-0.32186
Excited State 2: 3.7220 eV 333.11nm f=0.2961	
78 → 80	0.30683
79 → 80	0.61932
Excited State 3: 4.0901 eV 303.14nm f=0.0687	
77 → 80	0.68982
Excited State 4: 4.1992 eV 295.25nm f=0.0036	

75 → 80	0.33985
76 → 80	0.58033
78 → 80	0.18577

Excited State 5: 4.5542 eV 272.24nm f=0.0029

75 → 80	0.57457
76 → 80	-0.36042

### **Z-3a**

Excited State 1: 2.8607 eV 433.40nm f=0.0194

58 → 63	-0.12341
59 → 63	-0.18268
60 → 63	-0.11801
61 → 63	0.37434
62 → 63	0.53796

Excited State 2: 3.7454 eV 331.03nm f=0.1078

58 → 63	0.19114
59 → 63	0.38787
60 → 63	0.28228
61 → 63	-0.23945
62 → 63	0.40904

Excited State 3: 3.8739 eV 320.05nm f=0.1358

58 → 63	0.15515
59 → 63	0.29355
60 → 63	0.22938
61 → 63	0.53707
62 → 63	-0.18675

Excited State 4: 4.1506 eV 298.72nm f=0.0700

59 → 63	-0.38219
60 → 63	0.57270

Excited State 5: 4.4272 eV 280.05nm f=0.0031

58 → 63	0.62361
59 → 63	-0.26847
62 → 64	0.10491

### **Z-3b**

Excited State 1: 2.8998 eV 427.56nm f=0.0144

62 → 67	0.11897
63 → 67	0.18725
64 → 67	-0.10513
65 → 67	-0.46371
66 → 67	0.46391

Excited State 2: 3.7452 eV 331.04nm f=0.2117

62 → 67	-0.13596
63 → 67	-0.29941
64 → 67	0.18289
65 → 67	0.30255
66 → 67	0.50554

Excited State 3: 3.8696 eV 320.40nm f=0.0941

62 → 67	0.20835
63 → 67	0.41231
64 → 67	-0.27465
65 → 67	0.42459
66 → 67	0.13808

Excited State 4: 4.1575 eV 298.22nm f=0.0570

63 → 67	0.33705
64 → 67	0.59311
66 → 68	-0.12826

Excited State 5: 4.4609 eV 277.93nm f=0.0025

62 → 67	0.62257
63 → 67	-0.28244

#### **Z-4a**

Excited State 1: 2.9091 eV 426.20nm f=0.0257

58 → 63	-0.13298
61 → 63	0.52276
62 → 63	-0.43970

Excited State 2: 3.7277 eV 332.60nm f=0.2175

59 → 63	-0.10753
61 → 63	0.41376
62 → 63	0.54454

Excited State 3: 4.0528 eV 305.92nm f=0.0824

60 → 63	0.68982
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Excited State 4: 4.2268 eV 293.33nm f=0.0130

58 → 63	0.41314
59 → 63	0.51335
61 → 63	0.19904

Excited State 5: 4.5273 eV 273.86nm f=0.0026

58 → 63	0.51390
59 → 63	-0.44217
62 → 64	-0.12979

#### **Z-4b**

Excited State 1: 2.9431 eV 421.26nm f=0.0238

62 → 67 -0.12706

65 → 67 0.56660

66 → 67 -0.38130

Excited State 2: 3.7027 eV 334.84nm f=0.2797

65 → 67 0.35856

66 → 67 0.58646

Excited State 3: 4.0635 eV 305.12nm f=0.0700

64 → 67 0.68700

Excited State 4: 4.2452 eV 292.06nm f=0.0092

62 → 67 -0.41436

63 → 67 0.51737

65 → 67 -0.18680

Excited State 5: 4.5649 eV 271.60nm f=0.0070

62 → 67 0.49434

63 → 67 0.43044

66 → 68 0.20038

## **Z-5a**

Excited State 1: 2.7763 eV 446.58nm f=0.0027

79 → 82 -0.32249

81 → 82 0.61634

Excited State 2: 3.4111 eV 363.47nm f=0.0062

76 → 82 -0.12120

77 → 82 0.16711

79 → 82 0.57463

81 → 82 0.34023

Excited State 3: 3.8261 eV 324.05nm f=0.2357

80 → 82 0.69231

Excited State 4: 4.1913 eV 295.82nm f=0.0902

78 → 82 0.67703

79 → 82 -0.11217

80 → 83 -0.11023

Excited State 5: 4.3389 eV 285.75nm f=0.0014

76 → 82 -0.39539

77 → 82 0.51513

78 → 82 -0.12039

79 → 82 -0.21113

## **Z-5b**

Excited State 1: 2.8035 eV 442.25nm f=0.0028

83 → 86	0.31892
85 → 86	0.61665
Excited State 2: 3.4378 eV 360.65nm f=0.0077	
80 → 86	-0.10326
81 → 86	0.17390
83 → 86	0.57465
85 → 86	-0.33861
Excited State 3: 3.7793 eV 328.06nm f=0.2930	
84 → 86	0.69271
Excited State 4: 4.1854 eV 296.23nm f=0.0709	
82 → 86	0.66990
83 → 86	-0.12363
84 → 87	-0.13965
Excited State 5: 4.3648 eV 284.05nm f=0.0016	
80 → 86	-0.34807
81 → 86	0.55078
82 → 86	-0.11773
83 → 86	-0.20414

## Z-6a

Excited State 1: 2.8592 eV 433.63nm f=0.0146	
59 → 63	-0.26337
61 → 63	-0.27306
62 → 63	0.58986
Excited State 2: 3.7945 eV 326.74nm f=0.1491	
59 → 63	0.45648
61 → 63	0.36654
62 → 63	0.37768
Excited State 3: 3.8974 eV 318.12nm f=0.0789	
59 → 63	-0.44956
61 → 63	0.52641
Excited State 4: 4.1836 eV 296.36nm f=0.0817	
60 → 63	0.68772
62 → 64	0.10163
Excited State 5: 4.5191 eV 274.36nm f=0.0614	
58 → 63	-0.11478
58 → 66	0.11749
61 → 64	-0.13460
62 → 64	0.61897
62 → 65	-0.21872

## Z-6b

Excited State 1: 2.9074 eV 426.44nm f=0.0029

63 → 67 -0.26239

65 → 67 -0.28112

66 → 67 0.58515

Excited State 2: 3.8048 eV 325.86nm f=0.2831

63 → 67 0.14385

65 → 67 0.58697

66 → 67 0.34842

Excited State 3: 3.8765 eV 319.84nm f=0.0112

63 → 67 0.62575

65 → 67 -0.25220

66 → 67 0.16508

Excited State 4: 4.1937 eV 295.65nm f=0.0655

64 → 67 0.68533

65 → 68 0.11686

Excited State 5: 4.5432 eV 272.90nm f=0.0315

62 → 70 -0.12942

65 → 68 -0.21632

66 → 68 0.60704

66 → 69 -0.21206

### **Z-7a**

Excited State 1: 3.0232 eV 410.12nm f=0.0026

65 → 71 -0.12108

68 → 71 0.66278

69 → 70 -0.19638

Excited State 2: 3.1391 eV 394.97nm f=0.0000

68 → 71 0.19402

69 → 70 0.67426

Excited State 3: 3.3559 eV 369.45nm f=0.2962

68 → 70 0.66276

69 → 71 -0.23133

Excited State 4: 3.7389 eV 331.61nm f=0.0002

67 → 70 0.70497

Excited State 5: 3.8140 eV 325.07nm f=0.1674

68 → 70 0.22668

69 → 71 0.65813

### **Z-7b**

Excited State 1: 3.0077 eV 412.22nm f=0.0013

72 → 75	0.37937
73 → 74	0.58634

Excited State 2: 3.0791 eV 402.67nm f=0.0013

69 → 75	0.10401
72 → 75	0.57638
73 → 74	-0.38721

Excited State 3: 3.3202 eV 373.42nm f=0.2997

72 → 74	0.65670
73 → 75	0.24891

Excited State 4: 3.7029 eV 334.83nm f=0.0002

71 → 74	0.70502
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Excited State 5: 3.7853 eV 327.54nm f=0.2179

72 → 74	-0.24475
73 → 75	0.65168

### **Z-8a**

Excited State 1: 2.9533 eV 419.81nm f=0.0088

73 → 78	-0.26245
75 → 77	0.16921
75 → 78	0.54117
76 → 77	0.12399
76 → 78	0.28447

Excited State 2: 3.5782 eV 346.50nm f=0.5115

75 → 77	0.23738
75 → 78	-0.28231
76 → 77	0.56279
76 → 78	0.19004

Excited State 3: 3.7124 eV 333.97nm f=0.1246

75 → 77	0.48906
75 → 78	-0.18732
76 → 77	-0.38906
76 → 78	0.25253

Excited State 4: 3.9209 eV 316.22nm f=0.2287

75 → 77	-0.38744
75 → 78	-0.12876
76 → 78	0.54787

Excited State 5: 4.1015 eV 302.29nm f=0.0078

69 → 78	0.15114
73 → 77	0.22151
73 → 78	0.58465
75 → 78	0.25721

## Z-8b

Excited State 1: 2.9820 eV 415.78nm f=0.0053

77	→ 82	-0.26348
79	→ 81	0.11065
79	→ 82	0.62454
80	→ 82	-0.11865

Excited State 2: 3.5396 eV 350.27nm f=0.4249

79	→ 81	-0.34038
79	→ 82	0.15227
80	→ 81	0.52056
80	→ 82	0.28431

Excited State 3: 3.6059 eV 343.84nm f=0.2033

79	→ 81	0.41020
80	→ 81	0.46602
80	→ 82	-0.31391

Excited State 4: 3.9013 eV 317.80nm f=0.2742

79	→ 81	0.42713
80	→ 82	0.54179

Excited State 5: 4.1282 eV 300.33nm f=0.0563

77	→ 82	0.22690
78	→ 81	0.21395
78	→ 82	0.59725
79	→ 82	0.10297
80	→ 83	0.10494

## Z-9a

Excited State 1: 2.9816 eV 415.83nm f=0.0279

74	→ 79	-0.16347
76	→ 79	0.30085
77	→ 79	0.50585
78	→ 79	0.34675

Excited State 2: 3.6255 eV 341.97nm f=0.2105

76	→ 79	-0.12722
77	→ 79	-0.31106
78	→ 79	0.60687

Excited State 3: 3.8920 eV 318.56nm f=0.0937

76	→ 79	0.61246
77	→ 79	-0.33553

Excited State 4: 4.3307 eV 286.29nm f=0.0086

74	→ 79	0.66274
77	→ 79	0.15953

Excited State 5: 4.3655 eV 284.01nm f=0.0026



75 → 79      0.69749

### **Z-9b**

Excited State 1: 3.0545 eV 405.90nm f=0.0052

78 → 83      -0.16534

81 → 83      0.67239

82 → 83      -0.11539

Excited State 2: 3.6250 eV 342.02nm f=0.2977

81 → 83      0.11120

82 → 83      0.68799

Excited State 3: 3.9361 eV 314.99nm f=0.0854

80 → 83      0.69739

Excited State 4: 4.3522 eV 284.88nm f=0.0012

78 → 83      0.67364

81 → 83      0.16786

Excited State 5: 4.4396 eV 279.27nm f=0.0015

79 → 83      0.70493

### **Z-10a**

Excited State 1: 2.8995 eV 427.61nm f=0.0037

70 → 76      0.12286

71 → 76      0.26455

72 → 76      -0.15289

73 → 76      -0.21235

74 → 76      0.57860

Excited State 2: 3.5533 eV 348.93nm f=0.0449

73 → 76      -0.22014

75 → 76      0.66613

Excited State 3: 3.8093 eV 325.48nm f=0.1380

71 → 76      0.13894

72 → 76      -0.10385

73 → 76      0.62752

74 → 76      0.15469

75 → 76      0.19554

Excited State 4: 3.8313 eV 323.61nm f=0.0659

70 → 76      0.23559

71 → 76      0.45947

72 → 76      -0.28478

74 → 76      -0.36471

Excited State 5: 4.1232 eV 300.70nm f=0.0834

71 → 76      0.34476

72 → 76      0.60034

### **Z-10b**

Excited State 1: 2.9273 eV 423.54nm f=0.0039

74 → 80      0.11876

75 → 80      0.26609

76 → 80      0.13227

77 → 80      -0.26004

78 → 80      0.56300

Excited State 2: 3.5751 eV 346.80nm f=0.0830

77 → 80      -0.25858

78 → 80      -0.21727

79 → 80      0.61617

Excited State 3: 3.7887 eV 327.25nm f=0.2111

77 → 80      0.56055

78 → 80      0.25462

79 → 80      0.32051

Excited State 4: 3.8579 eV 321.38nm f=0.0139

74 → 80      0.22973

75 → 80      0.49772

76 → 80      0.28434

77 → 80      0.20593

78 → 80      -0.25530

Excited State 5: 4.1236 eV 300.67nm f=0.0663

75 → 80      -0.31231

76 → 80      0.61230

### **Z-11a**

Excited State 1: 3.0349 eV 408.53nm f=0.0025

87 → 91      0.11527

89 → 91      0.69223

Excited State 2: 3.7541 eV 330.26nm f=0.2412

89 → 93      -0.10163

90 → 91      0.69352

Excited State 3: 4.0632 eV 305.14nm f=0.0460

88 → 91      0.66574

90 → 92      0.21082

Excited State 4: 4.1706 eV 297.28nm f=0.1239

88 → 91      -0.21046

90 → 92      0.66695

Excited State 5: 4.2304 eV 293.08nm f=0.0147

89 → 92      0.69569

### **Z-11b**

Excited State 1: 3.0609 eV 405.05nm f=0.0026

91 → 95      0.11222

93 → 95      0.69157

Excited State 2: 3.7152 eV 333.72nm f=0.2982

93 → 97      -0.10808

94 → 95      0.69260

Excited State 3: 4.0439 eV 306.59nm f=0.0010

92 → 95      -0.45164

94 → 96      0.53340

Excited State 4: 4.1049 eV 302.04nm f=0.1584

92 → 95      0.52928

94 → 96      0.45550

Excited State 5: 4.2101 eV 294.50nm f=0.0135

93 → 96      0.69615

### **Z-12a**

Excited State 1: 2.8612 eV 433.32nm f=0.0186

70 → 75      0.16504

73 → 75      -0.40616

74 → 75      0.54377

Excited State 2: 3.8448 eV 322.47nm f=0.2180

70 → 75      -0.14276

73 → 75      0.52424

74 → 75      0.43819

Excited State 3: 4.1763 eV 296.87nm f=0.0063

70 → 75      0.61393

72 → 75      -0.22803

73 → 75      0.21337

Excited State 4: 4.3155 eV 287.30nm f=0.0365

70 → 75      0.20185

71 → 75      0.14439

72 → 75      0.63155

74 → 76      0.16685

Excited State 5: 4.5391 eV 273.15nm f=0.0034

70 → 75      -0.10837

71 → 75      0.67567

## Z-12b

Excited State 1: 2.9190 eV 424.75nm f=0.0031

74 → 79 0.16759

77 → 79 0.62842

78 → 79 0.25605

Excited State 2: 3.8199 eV 324.57nm f=0.2879

77 → 79 -0.25558

78 → 79 0.64791

Excited State 3: 4.1954 eV 295.52nm f=0.0008

74 → 79 0.66862

77 → 79 -0.17132

Excited State 4: 4.3404 eV 285.65nm f=0.0316

76 → 79 0.67171

78 → 80 0.16351

Excited State 5: 4.6068 eV 269.13nm f=0.0054

75 → 79 0.68819

## Z-12c

Excited State 1: 2.7944 eV 443.69nm f=0.0421

90 → 95 -0.13471

93 → 95 0.39272

94 → 95 0.55011

Excited State 2: 3.6953 eV 335.51nm f=0.2554

90 → 95 -0.13799

93 → 95 0.51848

94 → 95 -0.43388

Excited State 3: 4.1351 eV 299.83nm f=0.0143

88 → 95 0.14674

89 → 95 0.11387

90 → 95 -0.42987

92 → 95 0.45271

93 → 95 -0.23341

Excited State 4: 4.2274 eV 293.29nm f=0.0064

88 → 95 -0.14883

90 → 95 0.39425

91 → 95 -0.14569

92 → 95 0.47075

94 → 96 0.22444

Excited State 5: 4.4569 eV 278.18nm f=0.0068

91 → 95 0.67025

94 → 96 0.10121

## **Z-12d**

Excited State 1: 2.8557 eV 434.16nm f=0.0150

100	→107	0.16564
105	→107	-0.44280
106	→107	0.51283

Excited State 2: 3.7890 eV 327.22nm f=0.2684

100	→107	-0.11428
105	→107	0.50125
106	→107	0.47222

Excited State 3: 4.1478 eV 298.92nm f=0.0044

100	→107	0.59202
102	→107	-0.21923
103	→107	0.20593
105	→107	0.17476

Excited State 4: 4.2890 eV 289.08nm f=0.0250

100	→107	0.10907
101	→107	0.10851
102	→107	0.49712
103	→107	0.28043
104	→107	0.34001
106	→108	0.15249

Excited State 5: 4.3756 eV 283.36nm f=0.0011

100	→107	-0.24341
102	→107	-0.18170
103	→107	0.60572
104	→107	-0.10464

## 8. Computational PSS Analysis

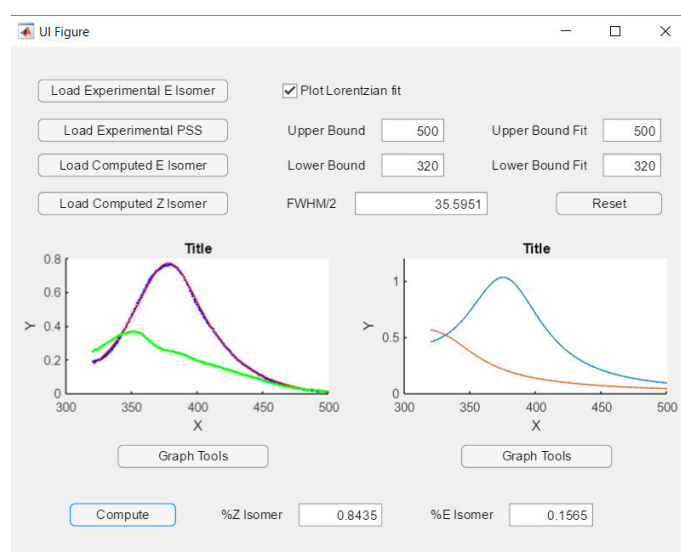
The code to generate a GUI based on Matlab code to automatise the PSS analysis is here reported. The code uses scripts downloaded from the Mathworks File Exchange (grep.m<sup>2</sup> and lorentzfit.m<sup>3</sup>). The computed spectra used for the PSS analysis were plotted using a Lorentzian function instead of a Gaussian, having found the former was giving better results than the latter. The general formula for the Lorentzian fit that was applied is the following one:

$$y(\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i(\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{f_i}{1 + \left( \frac{\lambda - \lambda_i}{h} \right)^2} \right]$$

Where  $f_i$  is the oscillator strength computed for each transition by the 'TD-DFT' calculation and  $\lambda_i$  the wavelength associated to it.  $h$  represents the half of the full width at half maximum (FWHM) value (in nm) for the Lorentzian curve. This value was obtained fitting the experimental  $\pi\pi^*$  transition of the *E*-isomer with a Lorentzian function. The value for the amount of *Z*-form ( $Z_{PSS}$ ) present in the PSS is obtained using the following equation:

$$Z_{PSS} = \frac{\frac{A_{PSS}}{A_{Eexp}} - 1}{\frac{f_{Zcalc}}{f_{Ecalc}} - 1}$$

Where  $A_{Eexp}$  is the value of the absorbance for the peak of the  $\pi\pi^*$  band found in the experimental spectrum of the *E*- isomer.  $A_{PSS}$  is the absorbance registered in the spectrum of the photostationary state at the same wavelength corresponding to  $A_{Eexp}$  in the experimental spectrum of the *E*- form.  $f_{Ecalc}$  is the oscillator strength corresponding to the maximum of the  $\pi\pi^*$  band after the Lorentzian fit, while  $f_{Zcalc}$  is the value corresponding to the oscillator strength of the calculated *Z*- spectrum at the same wavelength where  $f_{Ecalc}$  was found. (In the following figure the PSS calculation for **1b** is depicted. The experimental data are on the left side, while the computed ones on the right. The GUI furnishes the  $Z_{PSS}$  and not the percentage, that is  $100 \cdot Z_{PSS}$ , contrary to what is written on the GUI itself).



<sup>2</sup> <https://www.mathworks.com/matlabcentral/fileexchange/9647-grep--a-pedestrian--very-fast-grep-utility>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.mathworks.com/matlabcentral/fileexchange/33775-lorentzfit-x-y-varargin>

```
classdef app < matlab.apps.AppBase
```

```
% Properties that correspond to app components
```

```
properties (Access = public)
```

```
    UIFigure          matlab.ui.Figure
    LoadExperimentalElsomerButton matlab.ui.control.Button
    LoadExperimentalPSSButton  matlab.ui.control.Button
    UIAxes             matlab.ui.control.UIAxes
    UIAxes2            matlab.ui.control.UIAxes
    LoadComputedElsomerButton  matlab.ui.control.Button
    LoadComputedZIsomerButton  matlab.ui.control.Button
    UpperBoundEditFieldLabel    matlab.ui.control.Label
    UpperBoundEditField        matlab.ui.control.NumericEditField
    LowerBoundEditFieldLabel    matlab.ui.control.Label
    LowerBoundEditField        matlab.ui.control.NumericEditField
    PlotLorentzianfitCheckBox   matlab.ui.control.CheckBox
    ComputeButton              matlab.ui.control.Button
    ZIsomerEditFieldLabel      matlab.ui.control.Label
    ZIsomerEditField          matlab.ui.control.NumericEditField
    ElsomerEditFieldLabel      matlab.ui.control.Label
    ElsomerEditField          matlab.ui.control.NumericEditField
    FWHM2EditFieldLabel        matlab.ui.control.Label
    FWHM2EditField            matlab.ui.control.NumericEditField
    GraphToolsButton           matlab.ui.control.StateButton
    UpperBoundFitEditFieldLabel matlab.ui.control.Label
    UpperBoundFitEditField     matlab.ui.control.NumericEditField
    LowerBoundFitEditFieldLabel matlab.ui.control.Label
    LowerBoundFitEditField     matlab.ui.control.NumericEditField
    GraphToolsButton_2         matlab.ui.control.StateButton
    ResetButton                matlab.ui.control.Button
end
```

```
properties (Access = public)
```

```
    Property
```

```
%variables x&y from files
```

```
x = [];
```

```
y = [];
```

```
%relevant data
```

```
NormaExp = 0;
```

```
TexpPeak = 0;
```

```
indexPeak = 0;
```

```
graphfit = [];
```

```
valPhoto = 0;
```

```
Norma = 0;
```

```
tPeak = 0;
```

```
cPeak = 0;
```

```

indexComputedPeak = 0;

%checks "Lorentzian fit" is selected
Check = 0;

%variables used to plot data using GraphTool buttons
hlp1=[];
hlp2=[];
plt1=[];
plt2=[];
plt3=[];
plt4=[];
plt5=[];
plt6=[];
plt7=[];
plt8=[];
pltpss1=[];
pltpss2=[];
logic1=false;
logic2=false;
logicpss=false;
logic3=false;
logic4=false;

end

methods (Access = private)

% Button pushed function: LoadExperimentalElsomerButton
function LoadExperimentalElsomerButtonPushed(app, event)
    %clear variables
    app.hlp1=[];
    app.hlp2=[];
    app.plt1=[];
    app.plt2=[];
    app.plt3=[];
    app.plt4=[];
    app.x=[];
    app.y=[];
    %get file
    filter = {'*.txt','*.*'}k;
    TextName = uigetfile(filter);
    [nmvalue_exp,f_exp] = textread(TextName, '%f %f');
    %nmvalue_exp: wavelenght - array
    %f_exp : osc. strength - array
    Lbound = app.LowerBoundEditField.Value;
    Ubound = app.UpperBoundEditField.Value;

```



```

[rows,~] = size(f_exp);
index = 1;
app.hlp1=app.x;
app.hlp2=app.y;
%select bounds
if Lbound < Ubound
    while index < rows +1
        if nmvalue_exp(index) < Ubound
            if nmvalue_exp(index) > Lbound
                app.x = [app.x,nmvalue_exp(index)];
                app.y = [app.y,f_exp(index)];
            end
        end
        index = index + 1;
    end
    %save relevant data and plot
    app.NormaExp = max(app.y);
    app.TexpPeak = max(app.y);
    app.indexPeak = find(app.y==app.TexpPeak);
    plot(app.UIAxes,app.x,app.y,'b.');
```

end

```

%save data for GraphTool
app.plt1 = app.x;
app.plt2 = app.y;
app.logic1=true;
```

%Lorentzian fit:

```

if app.Check == 1
    %bounds for Lorentzian fit
    Lfitbound = app.LowerBoundFitEditField.Value;
    Ufitbound = app.UpperBoundFitEditField.Value;
    index = 1;
    if Lfitbound < Ufitbound
        while index < rows +1
            if nmvalue_exp(index) < Ufitbound
                if nmvalue_exp(index) > Lfitbound
                    app.hlp1 = [app.hlp1,nmvalue_exp(index)];
                    app.hlp2 = [app.hlp2,f_exp(index)];
                end
            end
            index = index + 1;
        end
        %using lorentzfit.m
        [app.graphfit param resnorm residual] = lorentzfit(app.hlp1,app.hlp2);
        app.FWHM2EditField.Value = sqrt(param(3));
        %plot fit
        hold(app.UIAxes);
        plot(app.UIAxes,app.hlp1,app.graphfit,'r-');
```

```

        hold(app.UIAxes,'off');
    end
    %save data for GraphTool
    app.plt3=app.hlp1;
    app.plt4=app.graphfit;
    app.logic2=true;
    end
end

% Button pushed function: LoadExperimentalPSSButton
function LoadExperimentalPSSButtonPushed(app, event)
    %clear variables
    app.Check = 0;
    app.pltpss1=[];
    app.pltpss2=[];
    app.hlp1=[];
    app.hlp2=[];
    app.x=[];
    app.y=[];
    %get file
    filter = {'*.txt','*.*'};
    TextName = uigetfile(filter);
    [nmvalue_exp,f_exp] = textread(TextName, '%f %f');
    %nmvalue_exp: wavelength - array
    %f_exp : osc. strength - array
    Lbound = app.LowerBoundEditField.Value;
    Ubound = app.UpperBoundEditField.Value;
    [rows,~] = size(f_exp);
    index = 1;
    %bounds check
    if Lbound < Ubound
        while index < rows +1
            if nmvalue_exp(index) < Ubound
                if nmvalue_exp(index) > Lbound
                    app.x = [app.x,nmvalue_exp(index)];
                    app.y = [app.y,f_exp(index)];
                end
            end
            index = index + 1;
        end
        %save relevant data and plot
        app.valPhoto = app.y(app.indexPeak);
        hold(app.UIAxes);
        plot(app.UIAxes,app.x,app.y,'g.','LineWidth',2);
        hold(app.UIAxes,'off');
    end
    %save data for GraphTool
    app.pltpss1=app.x;

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    app.pltpss2=app.y;
    app.logicpss=true;
end

% Button pushed function: LoadComputedElsomerButton
function LoadComputedElsomerButtonPushed(app, event)
    %clear variables
    app.Check = 0;
    app.hlp1=[];
    app.hlp2=[];
    app.plt5=[];
    app.plt6=[];
    app.x=[];
    app.y=[];
    %get file
    filter = {'*.out','*.log','*.*'};
    FileName = uigetfile(filter);
    %diary: saves output lines
    diary on;
    diary(['GongBao_diary_',datestr(now,'dd-mm-yy','local'),'_',datestr(now,'hh-MM-ss','local'),'txt']);
    %using grep.m for parsing
    grep('Excited State',FileName);
    diary off;
    d=dir('*.txt');
    dates=[d.datenum];
    [~,newestIndex] = max(dates);
    %picks newest .txt file generated in the directory
    %it should be the one generated using GongBao.m
    New_File = d(newestIndex);
    Newest=New_File.name;
    %gets oscillator strength and wavelength:
    [~,~,~,~,~,~,~,nmvalue,~,f,~] = textread(Newest,'%s %s %s %s %s %s %s %s %f %s %f %s');
    %nmvalue: wavelenght - array
    %f : osc. strength - array
    [rows,~] = size(f)
    %bounds check
    Lbound = app.LowerBoundEditField.Value;
    Ubound = app.UpperBoundEditField.Value;
    if Lbound < Ubound
        app.x = Lbound:Ubound;
        index = 1;
        app.y = 0;
        %calculate spectrum
        while index < rows +1
            A = f(index)./(1+((app.x-nmvalue(index))./(app.FWHM2EditField.Value)).^2);
            app.y=app.y+A;

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        index=index+1;
    end
    %save relevant data and plot
    app.Norma = max(app.y);
    app.tPeak = max(app.y);
    app.indexComputedPeak = find(app.y==app.tPeak);
    plot(app.UIAxes2,app.x,app.y);
    %save data for GraphTool
    app.plt5=app.x;
    app.plt6=app.y;
    app.logic3=true;
    end
end

% Button pushed function: LoadComputedZIsomerButton
function LoadComputedZIsomerButtonPushed(app, event)
    %clear variables
    app.Check = 0;
    app.hlp1=[];
    app.hlp2=[];
    app.plt7=[];
    app.plt8=[];
    app.x=[];
    app.y=[];
    %get file
    filter = {'*.out'; '*.log'; '*. *'};
    FileName = uigetfile(filter);
    %diary: saves output lines
    diary on;
    diary(['GongBao_diary_',datestr(now,'dd-mm-yy','local'),'_',datestr(now,'hh-MM-ss','local'),'txt']);
    %using grep.m for parsing
    grep('Excited State',FileName);
    diary off;
    d=dir('*.txt');
    dates=[d.datenum];
    [~,newestIndex] = max(dates);
    %picks newest .txt file generated in the directory
    %it should be the one just generated using GongBao.m
    New_File = d(newestIndex);
    Newest=New_File.name;
    %gets oscillator strength and wavelength:
    [~,~,~,~,~,~,~,nmvalue,~,f,~] = textread(Newest,'%s %s %s %s %s %s %s %s %f %s %f %s');
    %nmvalue: wavelenght - array
    %f : osc. strength - array
    [rows,~] = size(f);
    %bounds check

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Lbound = app.LowerBoundEditField.Value;
Ubound = app.UpperBoundEditField.Value;
if Lbound < Ubound
app.x = Lbound:Ubound;
index = 1;
app.y = 0;
%calculate spectrum
while index < rows +1
    A = f(index)./(1+((app.x-nmvalue(index))./(app.FWHM2EditField.Value)).^2);
    app.y=app.y+A;
    index=index+1;
end
%save relevant data and plot
app.cPeak = app.y(app.indexComputedPeak);
hold(app.UIAxes2);
plot(app.UIAxes2,app.x,app.y);
hold(app.UIAxes2,'off');
end
%save data for GraphTool
app.plt7=app.x;
app.plt8=app.y;
app.logic4=true;
end

% Value changed function: PlotLorentzianfitCheckBox
function PlotLorentzianfitCheckBoxValueChanged(app, event)
    %Allows Lorentzian Fit using Load Experimental E Isomer Button
    cla(app.UIAxes);
    app.Check = 1;
end

% Button pushed function: ComputeButton
function ComputeButtonPushed(app, event)
    %calculate percentages of isomers
    app.ZIsomerEditField.Value = ((app.valPhoto/app.NormaExp)-
1)/((app.cPeak/app.Norma)-1);
    app.EIsomerEditField.Value = 1 - app.ZIsomerEditField.Value;
end

% Value changed function: GraphToolsButton
function GraphToolsButtonValueChanged(app, event)
    %plots relevant data externally, allowing to modify the plot
    if (app.logic1==true) && (app.logic2==true) && (app.logicpss==true)
        plot(app.plt1,app.plt2,'b. ');
        hold on
        plot(app.plt3,app.plt4,'-r');
        plot(app.pltpss1,app.pltpss2, 'g. ');
        hold off
    end
end

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elseif (app.logic1==true)
plot(app.plt1,app.plt2,'b.');
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elseif (app.logicpss==true)
plot(app.pltpss1,app.pltpss2,'g.');
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end

end

% Value changed function: GraphToolsButton_2
function GraphToolsButton_2ValueChanged(app, event)
    %plots relevant data externally, allowing to modify the plot
    if (app.logic3==true) && (app.logic4==true)
        plot(app.plt5,app.plt6,'-b');
        hold on
        plot(app.plt7,app.plt8,'-r');
        hold off
    elseif (app.logic3==true)
        plot(app.plt5,app.plt6,'-b');
    elseif (app.logic4==true)
        plot(app.plt7,app.plt8,'-r');
    end

end

end

% Button pushed function: ResetButton
function ResetButtonPushed(app, event)
%clear everything
cla(app.UIAxes);
cla(app.UIAxes2);
app.x = [];
app.y = [];
app.NormaExp = 0;
app.TexpPeak = 0;
app.indexPeak = 0;
app.graphfit = [];
app.valPhoto = 0;
app.Norma = 0;
app.tPeak = 0;
app.cPeak = 0;
app.indexComputedPeak = 0;
app.Check = 0;
app.hlp1=[];
app.hlp2=[];
app.plt1=[];
app.plt2=[];

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app.plt3=[];
app.plt4=[];
app.plt5=[];
app.plt6=[];
app.plt7=[];
app.plt8=[];
app.pltpss1=[];
app.pltpss2=[];
app.logic1=false;
app.logic2=false;
app.logicpss=false;
app.logic3=false;
app.logic4=false;
end
end

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% App initialization and construction
methods (Access = private)

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% Create UIFigure and components
function createComponents(app)

    % Create UIFigure
    app.UIFigure = uifigure;
    app.UIFigure.Position = [100 100 640 480];
    app.UIFigure.Name = 'UI Figure';

    % Create LoadExperimentalElsomerButton
    app.LoadExperimentalElsomerButton = uibutton(app.UIFigure, 'push');
    app.LoadExperimentalElsomerButton.ButtonPushedFcn = createCallbackFcn(app,
@LoadExperimentalElsomerButtonPushed, true);
    app.LoadExperimentalElsomerButton.Position = [27 429 179 22];
    app.LoadExperimentalElsomerButton.Text = 'Load Experimental E Isomer';

    % Create LoadExperimentalPSSButton
    app.LoadExperimentalPSSButton = uibutton(app.UIFigure, 'push');
    app.LoadExperimentalPSSButton.ButtonPushedFcn = createCallbackFcn(app,
@LoadExperimentalPSSButtonPushed, true);
    app.LoadExperimentalPSSButton.Position = [27 392 179 22];
    app.LoadExperimentalPSSButton.Text = 'Load Experimental PSS';

    % Create UIAxes
    app.UIAxes = uiaxes(app.UIFigure);
    title(app.UIAxes, 'Title')
    xlabel(app.UIAxes, 'X')
    ylabel(app.UIAxes, 'Y')
    app.UIAxes.Position = [11 118 300 185];

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% Create UIAxes2
app.UIAxes2 = uiaxes(app.UIFigure);
title(app.UIAxes2, 'Title')
xlabel(app.UIAxes2, 'X')
ylabel(app.UIAxes2, 'Y')
app.UIAxes2.Position = [329 118 300 185];

% Create LoadComputedElsomerButton
app.LoadComputedElsomerButton = uibutton(app.UIFigure, 'push');
app.LoadComputedElsomerButton.ButtonPushedFcn = createCallbackFcn(app,
@LoadComputedElsomerButtonPushed, true);
app.LoadComputedElsomerButton.Position = [27 359 179 22];
app.LoadComputedElsomerButton.Text = 'Load Computed E Isomer';

% Create LoadComputedZIsomerButton
app.LoadComputedZIsomerButton = uibutton(app.UIFigure, 'push');
app.LoadComputedZIsomerButton.ButtonPushedFcn = createCallbackFcn(app,
@LoadComputedZIsomerButtonPushed, true);
app.LoadComputedZIsomerButton.Position = [27 323 179 22];
app.LoadComputedZIsomerButton.Text = 'Load Computed Z Isomer';

% Create UpperBoundEditFieldLabel
app.UpperBoundEditFieldLabel = uilabel(app.UIFigure);
app.UpperBoundEditFieldLabel.HorizontalAlignment = 'right';
app.UpperBoundEditFieldLabel.Position = [257 396 78 15];
app.UpperBoundEditFieldLabel.Text = 'Upper Bound';

% Create UpperBoundEditField
app.UpperBoundEditField = uieditfield(app.UIFigure, 'numeric');
app.UpperBoundEditField.Position = [350 392 59 22];
app.UpperBoundEditField.Value = 500;

% Create LowerBoundEditFieldLabel
app.LowerBoundEditFieldLabel = uilabel(app.UIFigure);
app.LowerBoundEditFieldLabel.HorizontalAlignment = 'right';
app.LowerBoundEditFieldLabel.Position = [257 363 78 15];
app.LowerBoundEditFieldLabel.Text = 'Lower Bound';

% Create LowerBoundEditField
app.LowerBoundEditField = uieditfield(app.UIFigure, 'numeric');
app.LowerBoundEditField.Position = [350 359 59 22];
app.LowerBoundEditField.Value = 320;

% Create PlotLorentzianfitCheckBox
app.PlotLorentzianfitCheckBox = uicheckbox(app.UIFigure);
app.PlotLorentzianfitCheckBox.ValueChangedFcn = createCallbackFcn(app,
@PlotLorentzianfitCheckBoxValueChanged, true);
app.PlotLorentzianfitCheckBox.Text = 'Plot Lorentzian fit';

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app.PlotLorentzianfitCheckBox.Position = [257 433 115 15];

% Create ComputeButton
app.ComputeButton = uibutton(app.UIFigure, 'push');
app.ComputeButton.ButtonPushedFcn = createCallbackFcn(app,
@ComputeButtonPushed, true);
app.ComputeButton.Position = [57 30 100 22];
app.ComputeButton.Text = 'Compute';

% Create ZIsomerEditFieldLabel
app.ZIsomerEditFieldLabel = uilabel(app.UIFigure);
app.ZIsomerEditFieldLabel.HorizontalAlignment = 'right';
app.ZIsomerEditFieldLabel.Position = [192 34 65 15];
app.ZIsomerEditFieldLabel.Text = '%Z Isomer';

% Create ZIsomerEditField
app.ZIsomerEditField = uieditfield(app.UIFigure, 'numeric');
app.ZIsomerEditField.Position = [272 30 79 22];

% Create EIsomerEditFieldLabel
app.EIsomerEditFieldLabel = uilabel(app.UIFigure);
app.EIsomerEditFieldLabel.HorizontalAlignment = 'right';
app.EIsomerEditFieldLabel.Position = [389 34 66 15];
app.EIsomerEditFieldLabel.Text = '%E Isomer';

% Create EIsomerEditField
app.EIsomerEditField = uieditfield(app.UIFigure, 'numeric');
app.EIsomerEditField.Position = [470 30 79 22];

% Create FWHM2EditFieldLabel
app.FWHM2EditFieldLabel = uilabel(app.UIFigure);
app.FWHM2EditFieldLabel.HorizontalAlignment = 'right';
app.FWHM2EditFieldLabel.Position = [257 327 51 15];
app.FWHM2EditFieldLabel.Text = 'FWHM/2';

% Create FWHM2EditField
app.FWHM2EditField = uieditfield(app.UIFigure, 'numeric');
app.FWHM2EditField.ValueDisplayFormat = '%.4f';
app.FWHM2EditField.Position = [325 323 125 22];

% Create GraphToolsButton
app.GraphToolsButton = uibutton(app.UIFigure, 'state');
app.GraphToolsButton.ValueChangedFcn = createCallbackFcn(app,
@GraphToolsButtonValueChanged, true);
app.GraphToolsButton.Text = 'Graph Tools';
app.GraphToolsButton.Position = [102 85 142 22];

% Create UpperBoundFitEditFieldLabel

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app.UpperBoundFitEditFieldLabel = uilabel(app.UIFigure);
app.UpperBoundFitEditFieldLabel.HorizontalAlignment = 'right';
app.UpperBoundFitEditFieldLabel.Position = [449 396 94 15];
app.UpperBoundFitEditFieldLabel.Text = 'Upper Bound Fit';

% Create UpperBoundFitEditField
app.UpperBoundFitEditField = uieditfield(app.UIFigure, 'numeric');
app.UpperBoundFitEditField.Position = [558 392 55 22];
app.UpperBoundFitEditField.Value = 500;

% Create LowerBoundFitEditFieldLabel
app.LowerBoundFitEditFieldLabel = uilabel(app.UIFigure);
app.LowerBoundFitEditFieldLabel.HorizontalAlignment = 'right';
app.LowerBoundFitEditFieldLabel.Position = [449 363 94 15];
app.LowerBoundFitEditFieldLabel.Text = 'Lower Bound Fit';

% Create LowerBoundFitEditField
app.LowerBoundFitEditField = uieditfield(app.UIFigure, 'numeric');
app.LowerBoundFitEditField.Position = [558 359 55 22];
app.LowerBoundFitEditField.Value = 320;

% Create GraphToolsButton_2
app.GraphToolsButton_2 = uibutton(app.UIFigure, 'state');
app.GraphToolsButton_2.ValueChangedFcn = createCallbackFcn(app,
@GraphToolsButton_2ValueChanged, true);
app.GraphToolsButton_2.Text = 'Graph Tools';
app.GraphToolsButton_2.Position = [425 85 142 22];

% Create ResetButton
app.ResetButton = uibutton(app.UIFigure, 'push');
app.ResetButton.ButtonPushedFcn = createCallbackFcn(app, @ResetButtonPushed,
true);
app.ResetButton.Position = [514 323 100 22];
app.ResetButton.Text = 'Reset';
end
end

methods (Access = public)

% Construct app
function app = app

% Create and configure components
createComponents(app)

% Register the app with App Designer
registerApp(app, app.UIFigure)

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        if nargout == 0
            clear app
        end
    end

    % Code that executes before app deletion
    function delete(app)

        % Delete UIFigure when app is deleted
        delete(app.UIFigure)
    end
end
end
```

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## A.II.1. Photochromic Coenzyme Q Derivatives: Switching Redox Potentials with Light

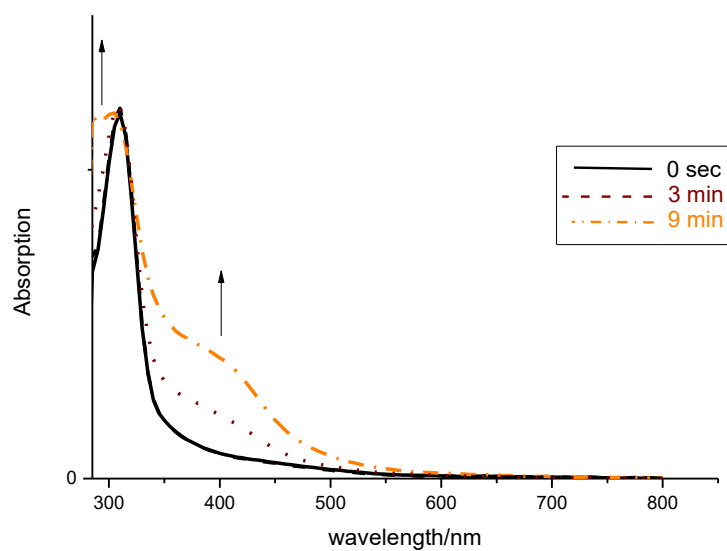
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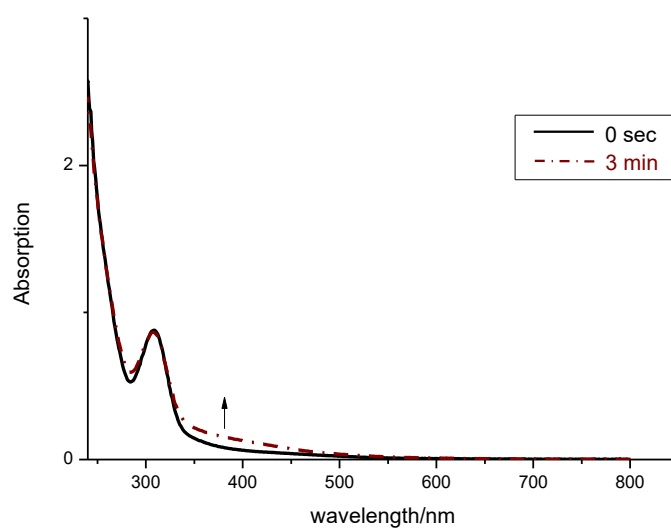
## 1. UV/Vis Spectroscopy: Further spectra

### Compound 1a°

- Compound **1a°** in toluene



- Compound **1a°** in DCM

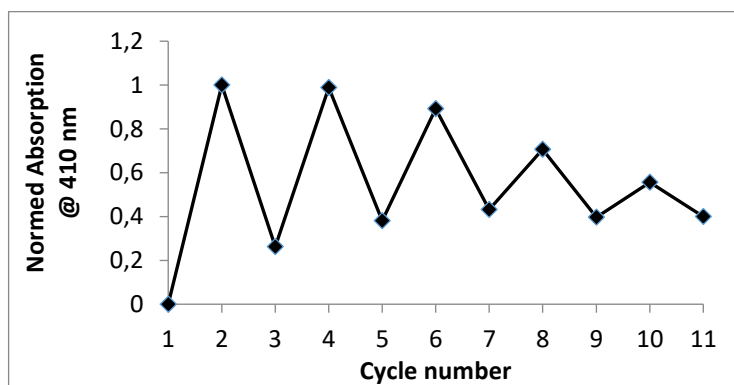


## Compound **1b<sup>o</sup>**

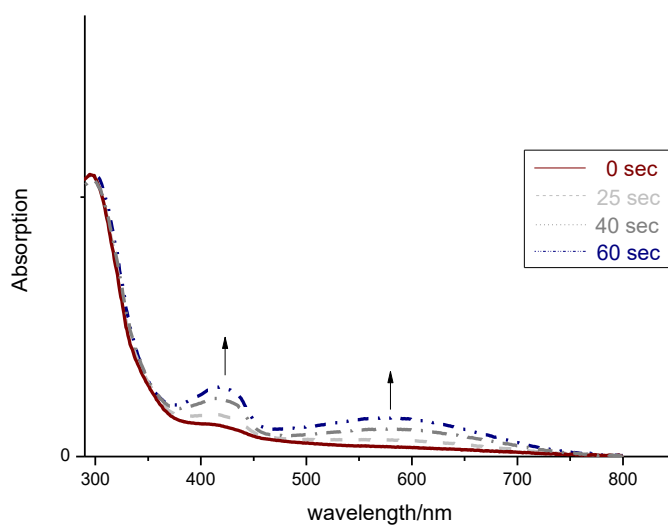
**Table A1:** Overview of spectroscopic properties of compound **1b<sup>o</sup>** determined by UV/Vis spectroscopy and analytical HPLC.

Solvent	$\lambda_{\text{max}}$ <b>1b<sup>o</sup></b> [nm]	$\lambda_{\text{max}}$ <b>1b<sup>c</sup></b> [nm]	PSS [%]
MeCN	247, 297	307, 415, 582	20
DMSO	302	304, 410, 594	52
Toluene	298	296, 413, 580	47
Dioxane	301	294, 399, 595	42

- Compound **1b<sup>o</sup>** in DMSO, fatigue resistance

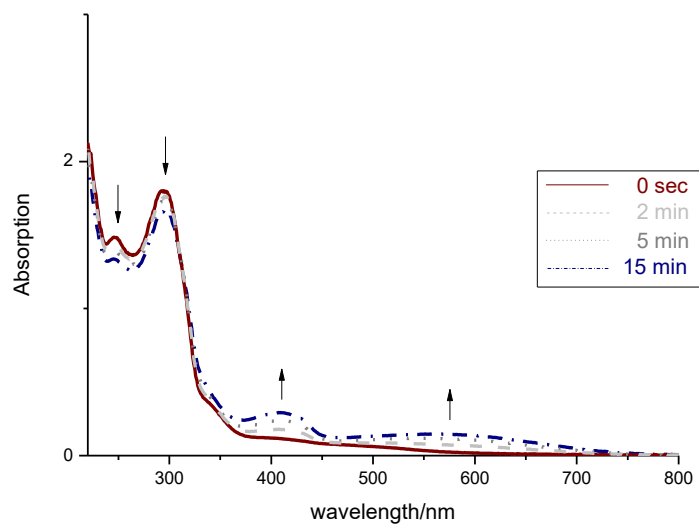


- Compound **1b<sup>o</sup>** in toluene

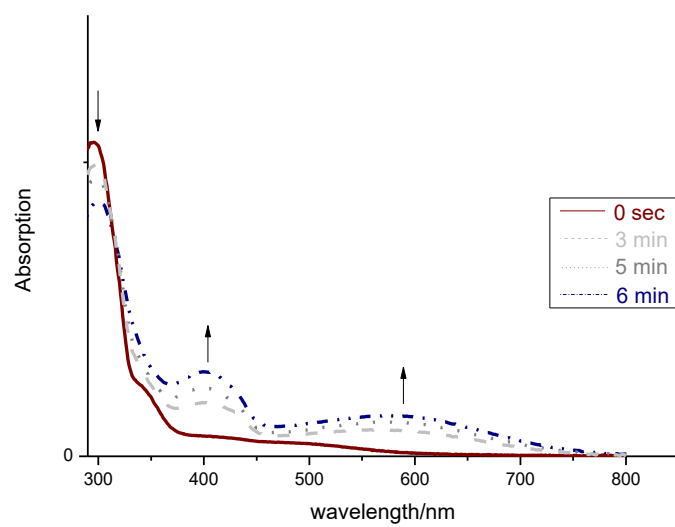




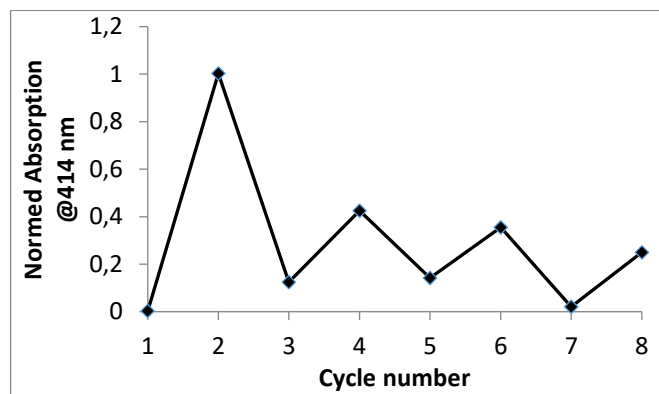
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- Compound **1b<sup>o</sup>** in toluene



- Compound **1b<sup>o</sup>** in toluene, fatigue resistance

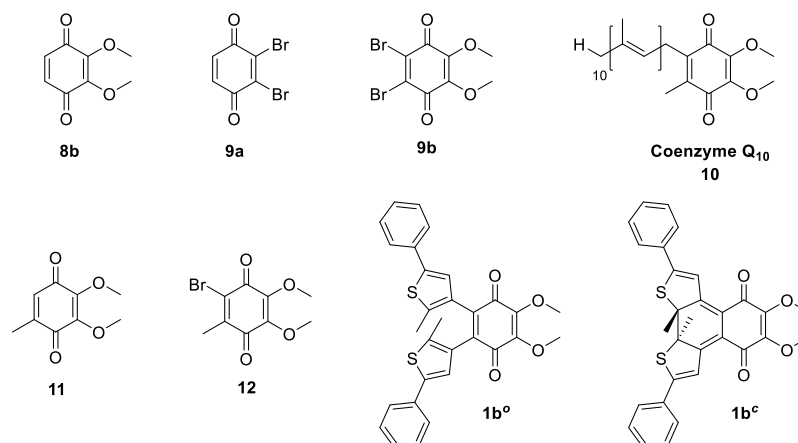


- Extinction coefficients

Compound	Solvent	Extinction coefficient [L/(mol*cm)]
<b>1b<sup>o</sup></b>	DMSO	$\epsilon_{300} = 582$
<b>1b<sup>o</sup></b>	MeCN	$\epsilon_{296} = 2539$
<b>1b<sup>c</sup></b>	MeCN	$\epsilon_{579} = 4928$

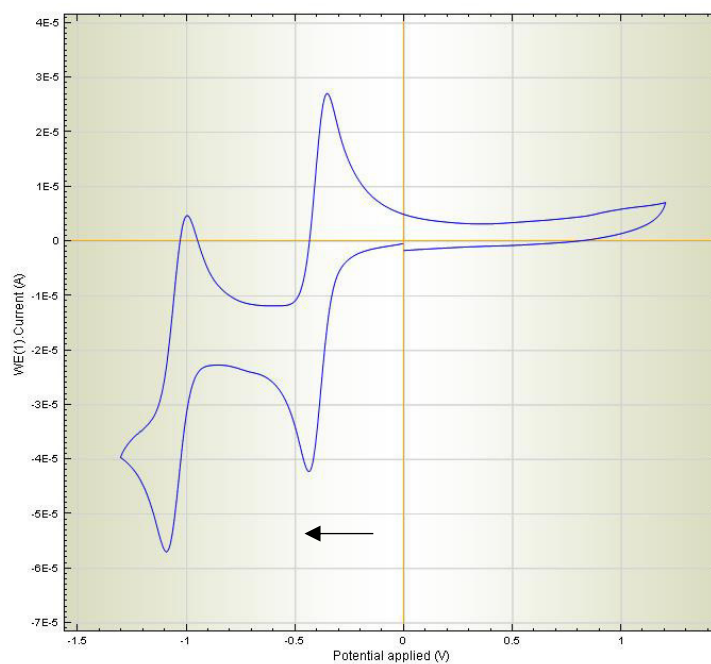
## 2. Cyclic Voltammetry and Spectroelectrochemical Studies (further material)

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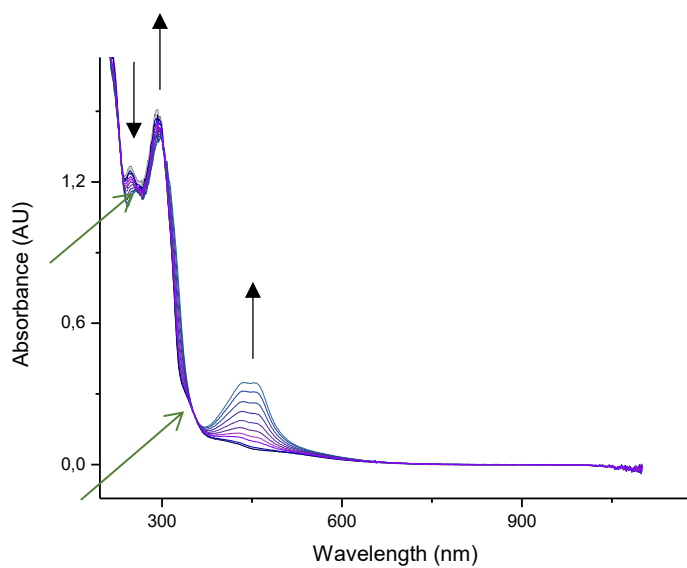
### 4.1. Compound 1b<sup>o</sup>

- Cyclic Voltammetry

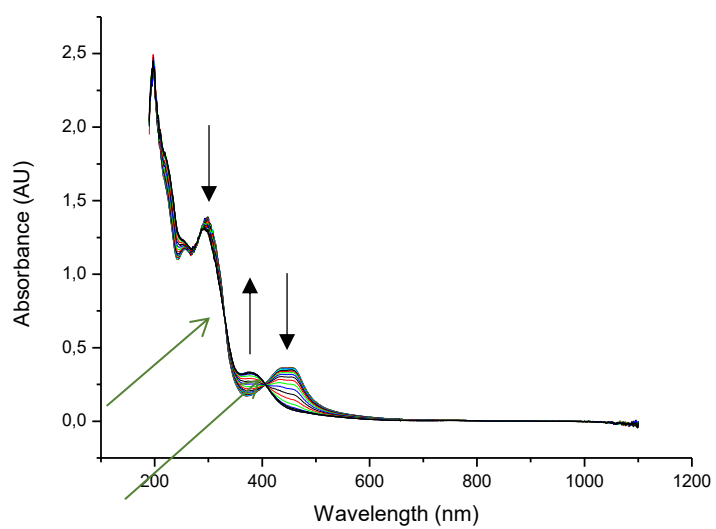


- Spectroelectrochemical studies

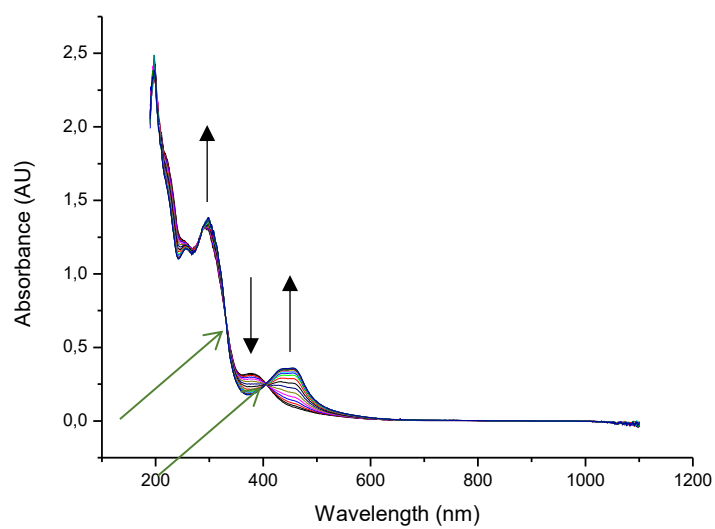
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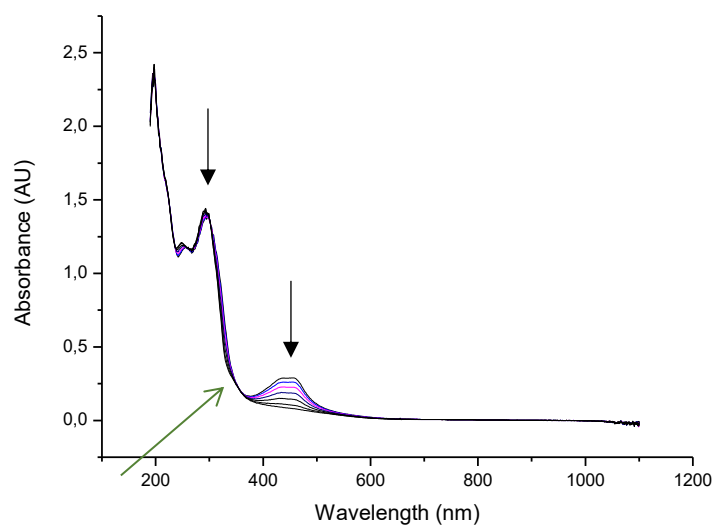
Peak 2



Peak 2 (invers)

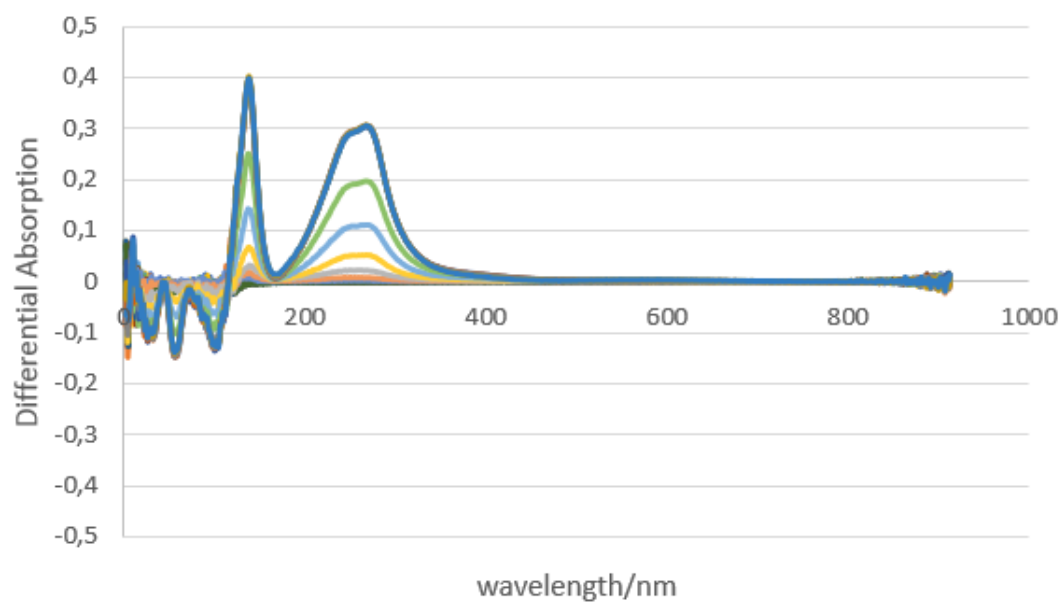


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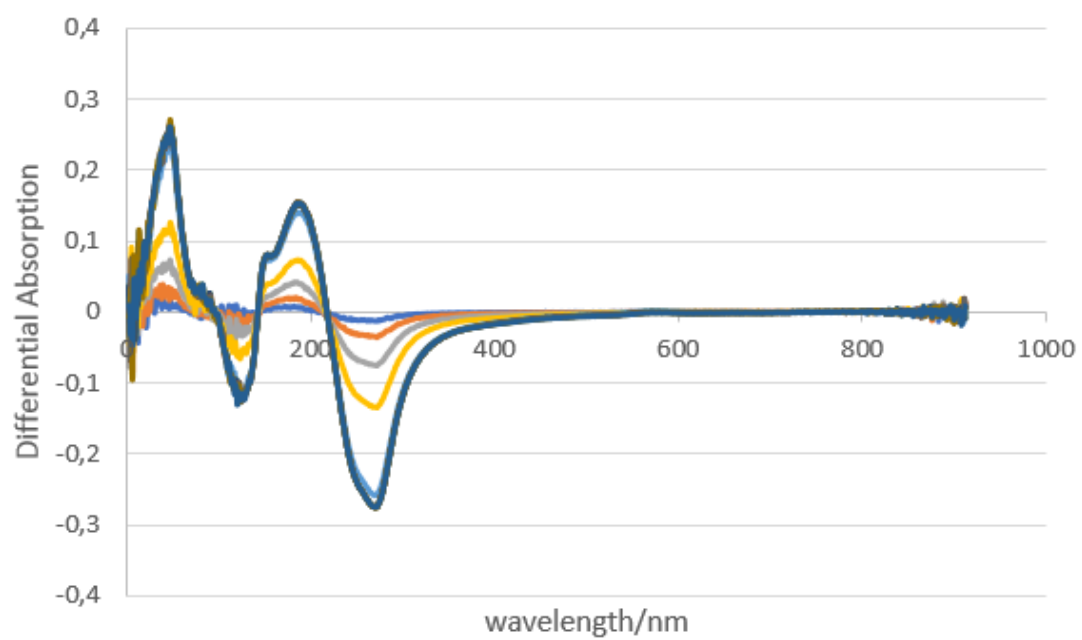


- Difference Spectra

Peak 1

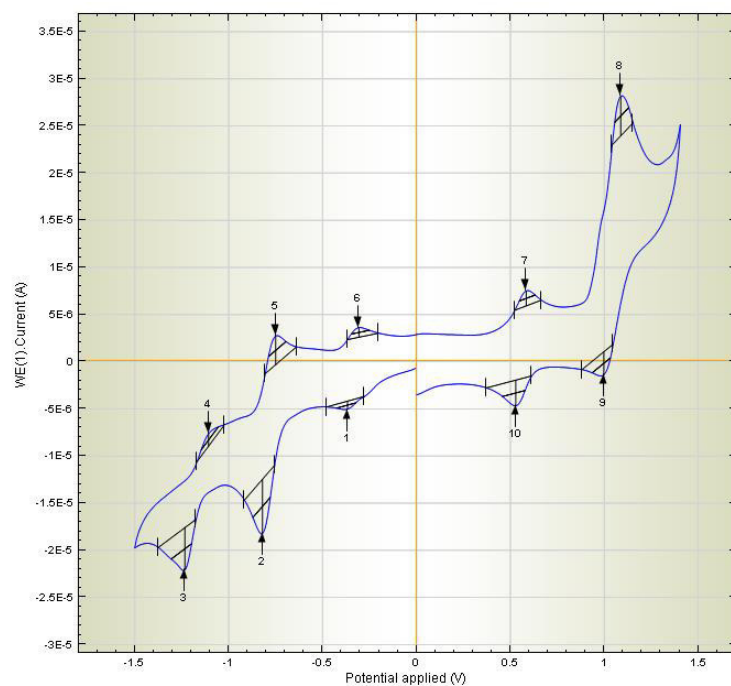


Peak 2

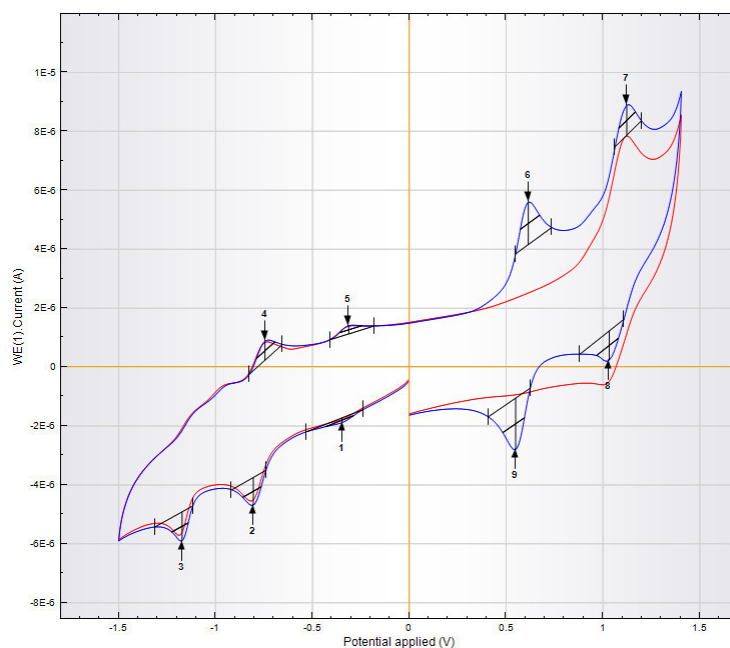


## 4.2. Compound 1b<sup>c</sup>

### - Cyclic Voltammetry



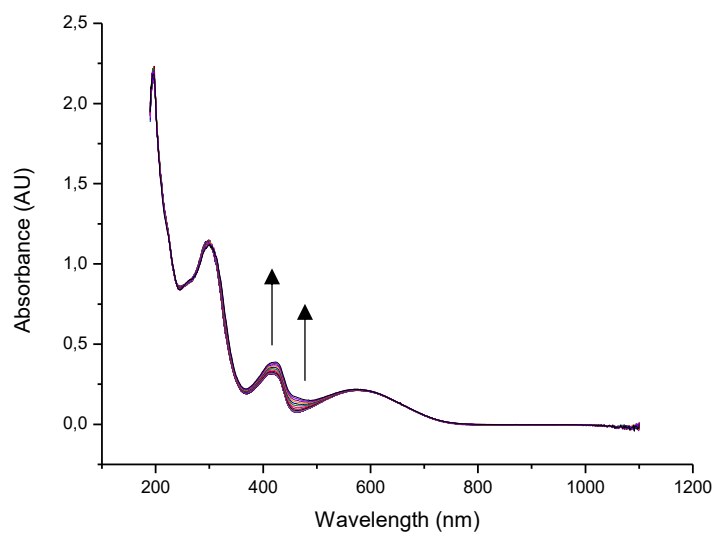
Compound **1b<sup>c</sup>** with Ferrocene (peaks 7 and 10) as internal standard.



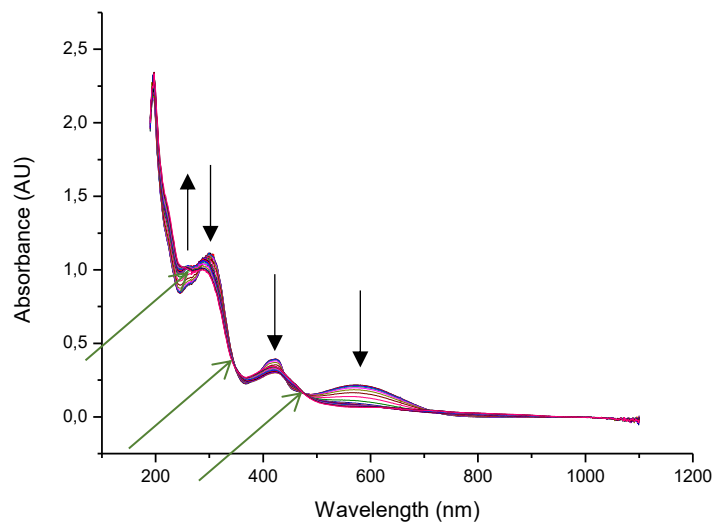
Two consecutive measurements of compound **1b<sup>c</sup>**: Red: First round, without internal standard; Blue: Second round, after addition of ferrocene (peaks 6 and 9) as internal standard.

- Spectroelectrochemical studies

Peak 1 (0- -0.5 V)

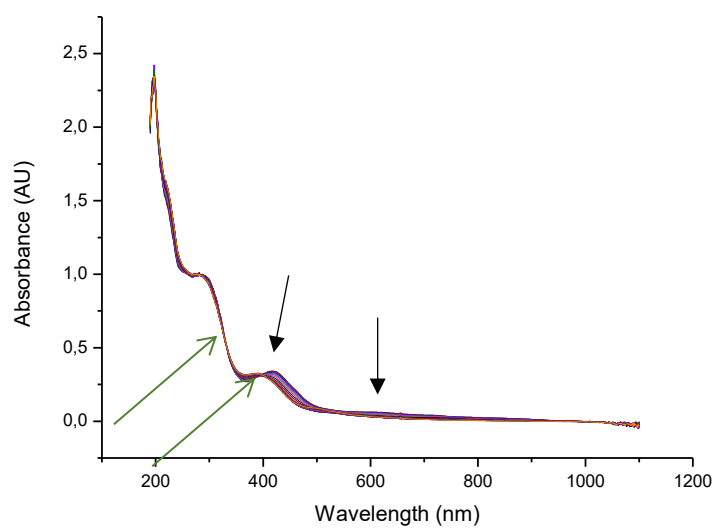


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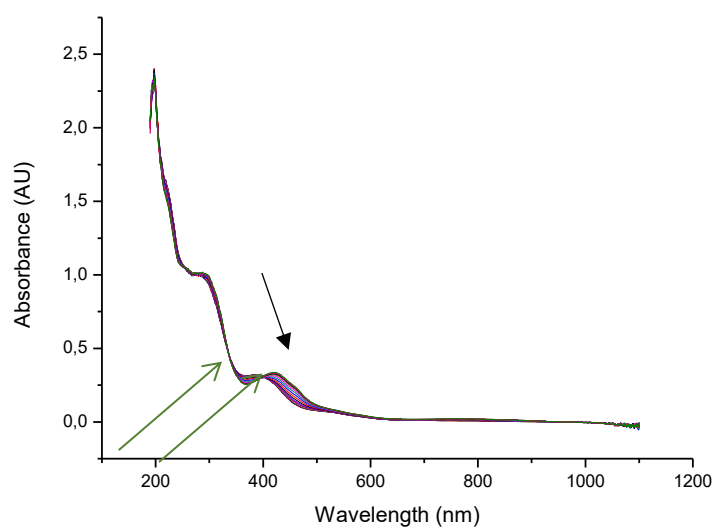




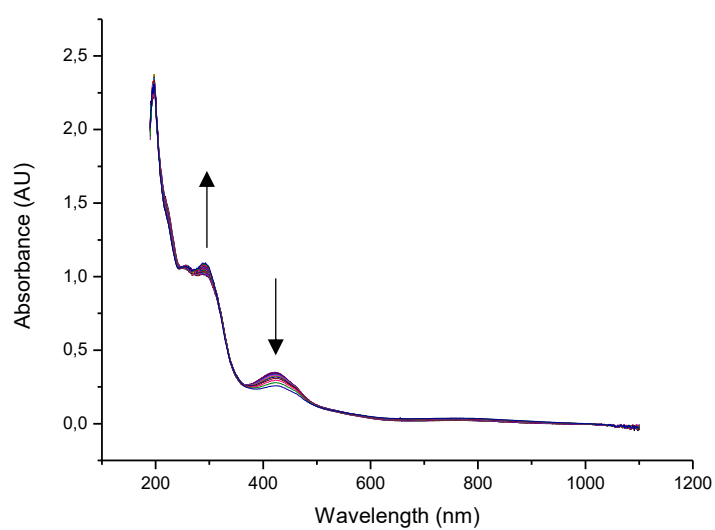
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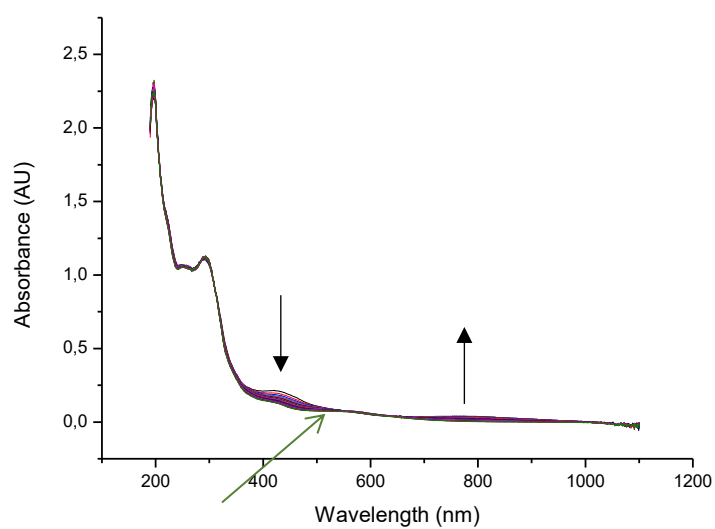
Peak 3 (invers, -1.5V - -1.0V)



Peak 2 (invers, -1.0 - -0.5V)

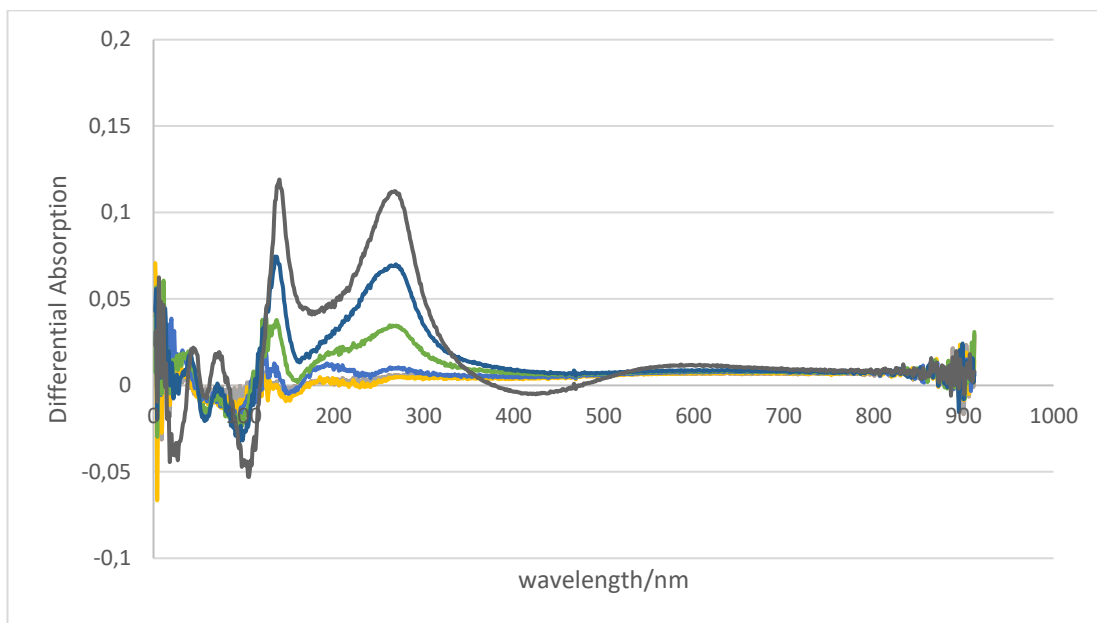


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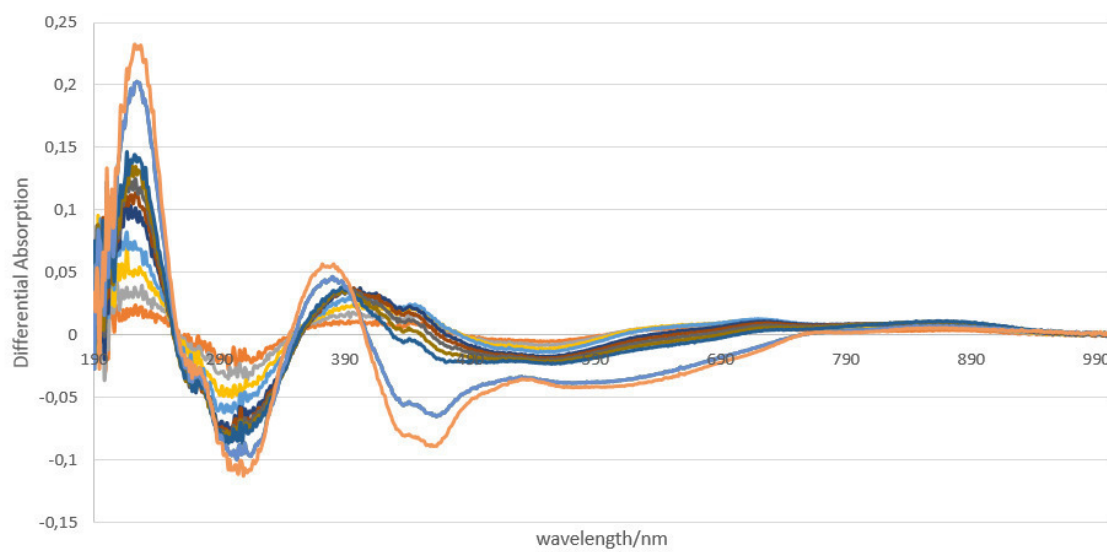


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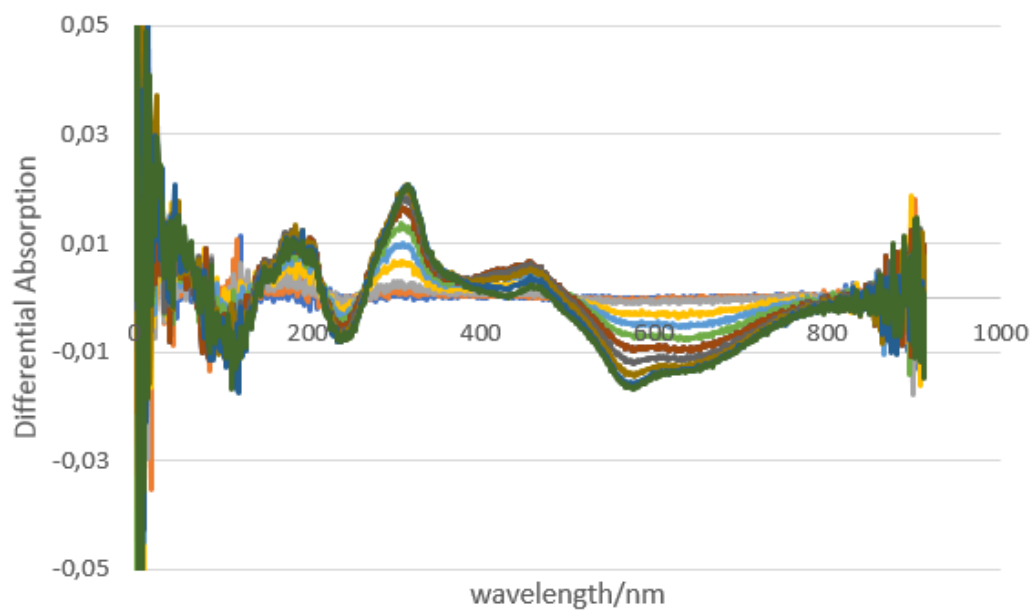
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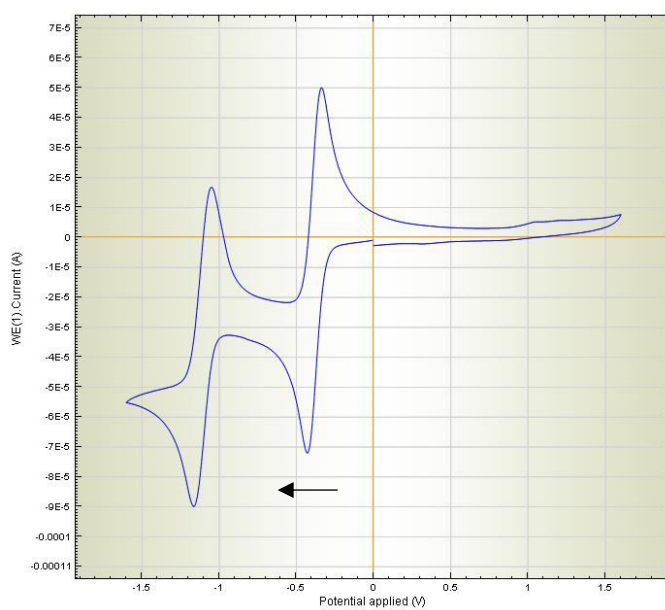


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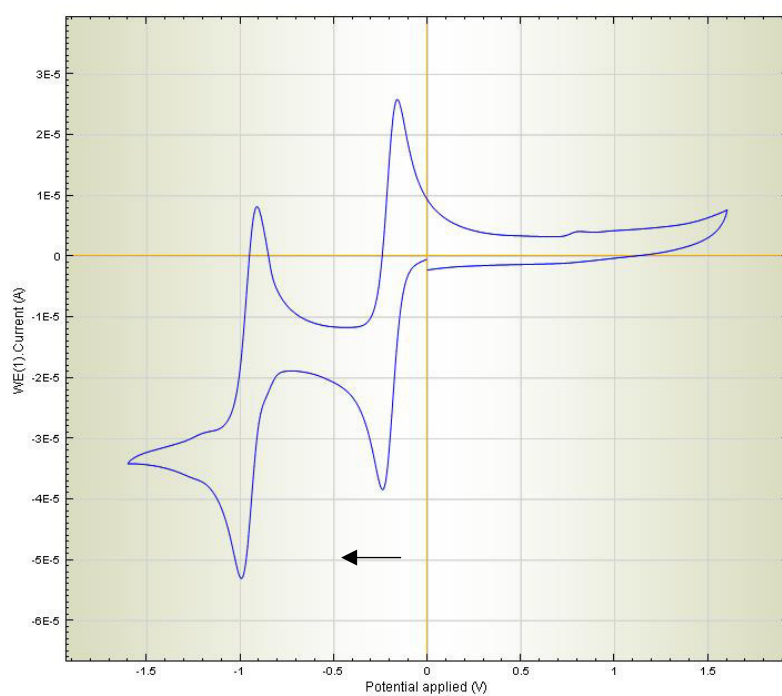
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- Cyclic Voltammetry



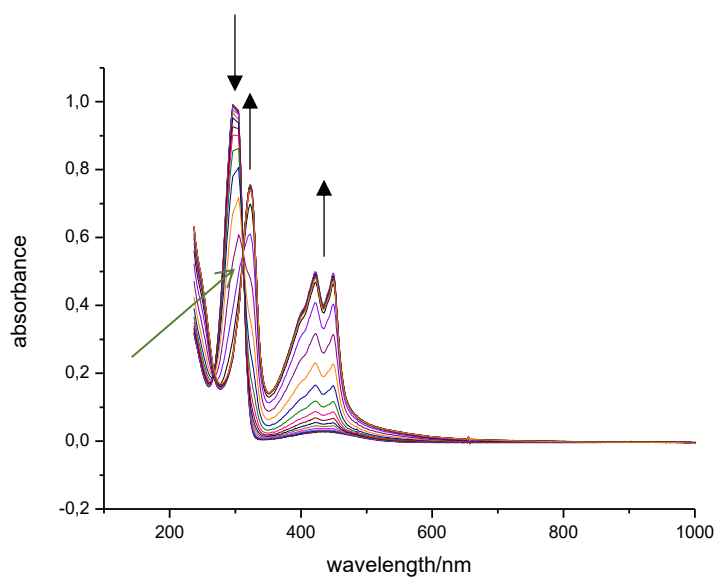
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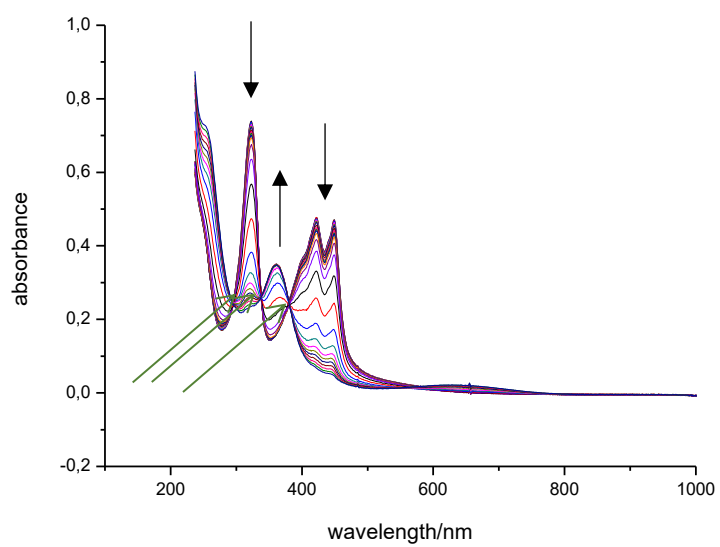


- Spectroelectrochemical studies

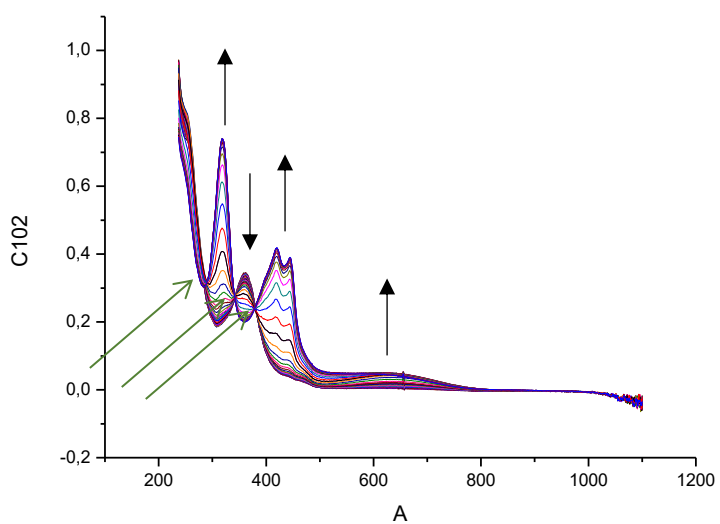
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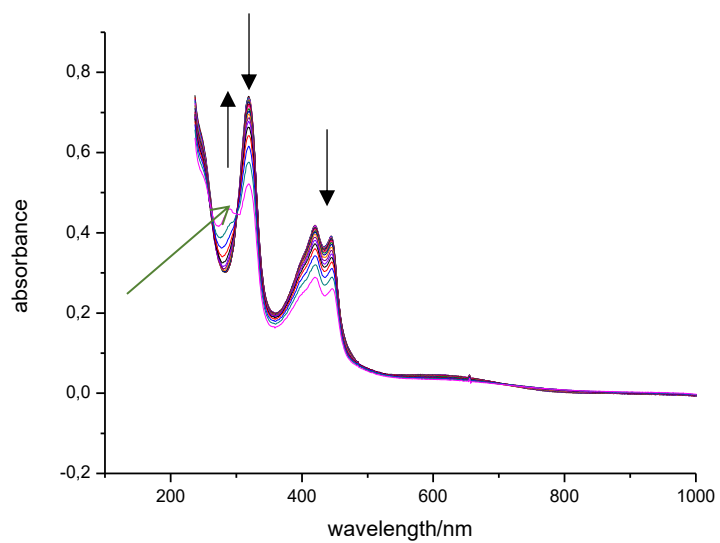
Peak 2 (-0.5 - -1.5V)



Peak 2 (invers, -1.5V - -0.5V)

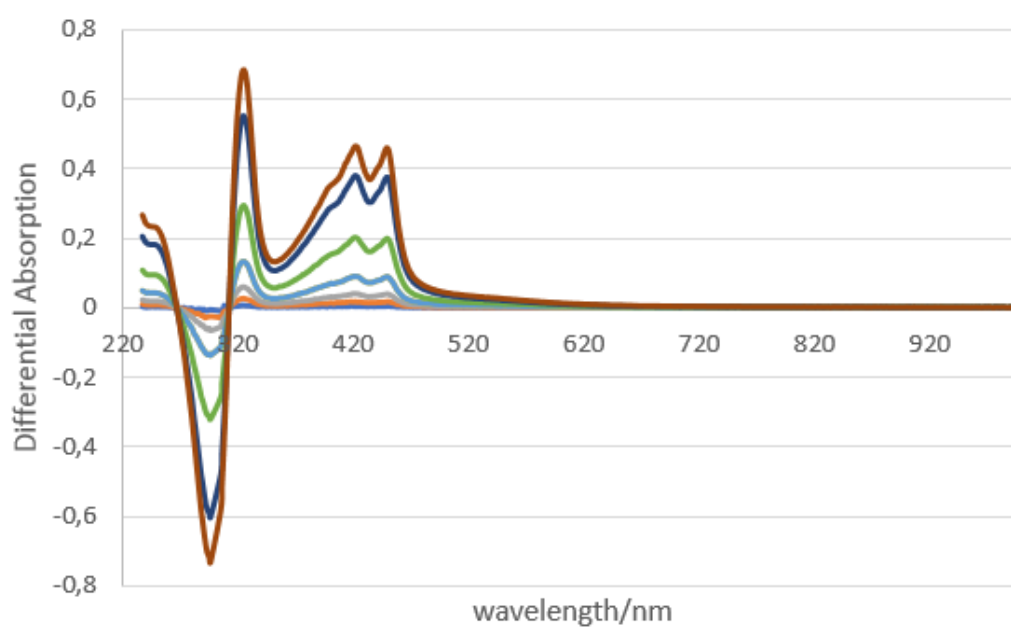


Peak 1 (invers, -0.5 – 0V, incomplete re-oxidation)

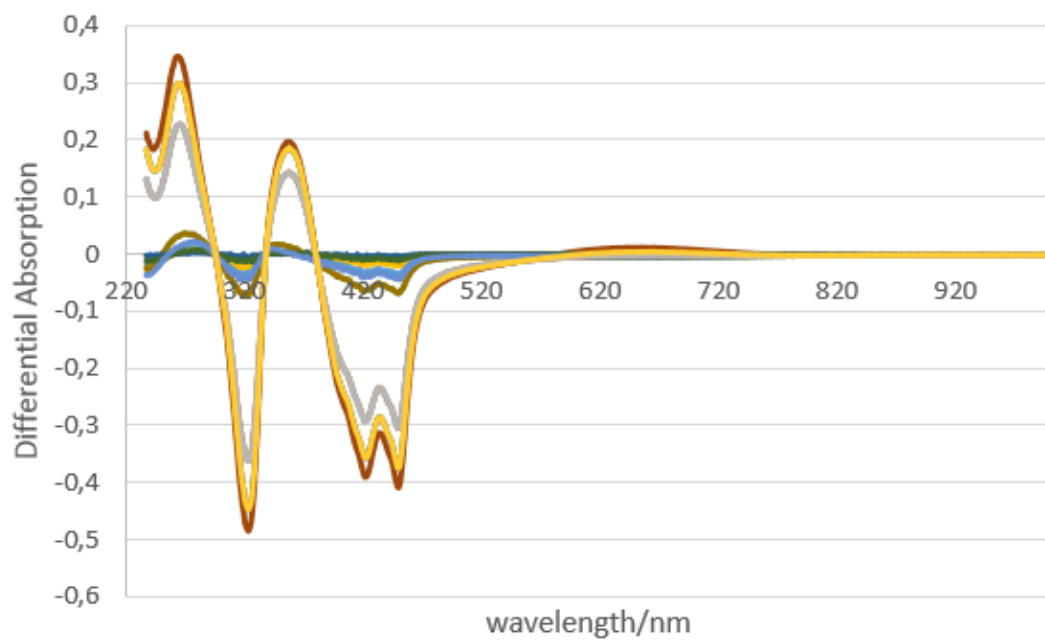


- Difference Spectra

Peak 1



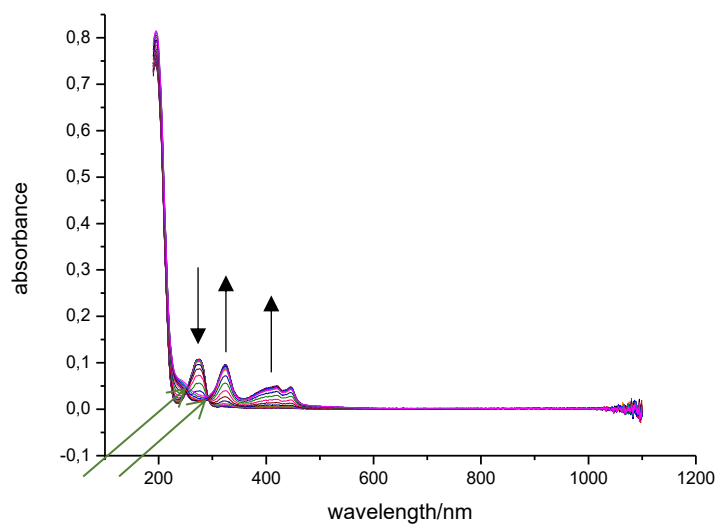
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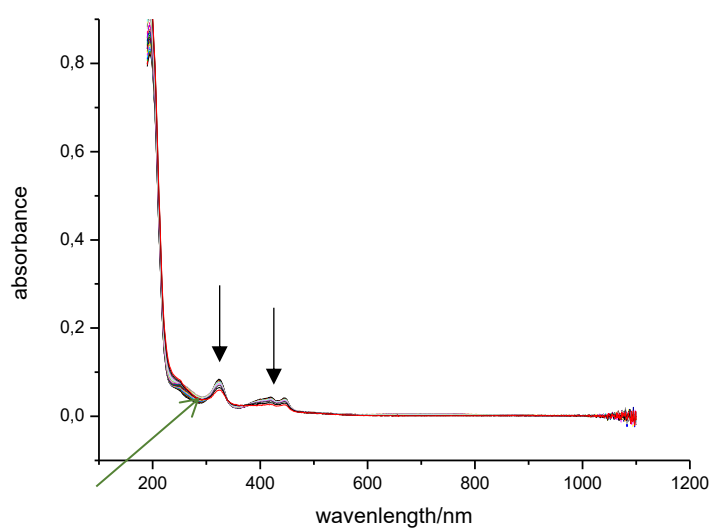
- Spectroelectric measurement

## Peak 1

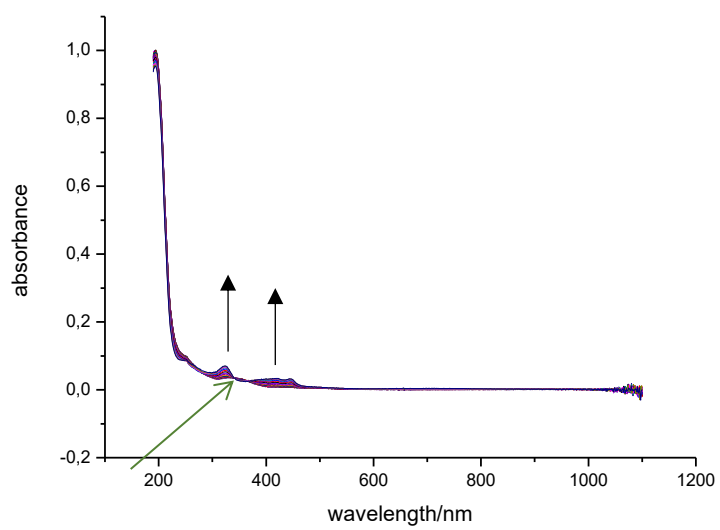




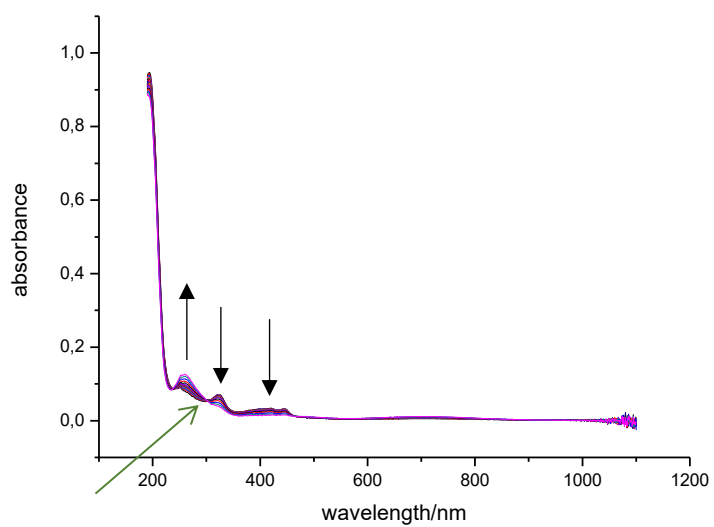
## Peak 2



## 2<sup>nd</sup> peak (invers)

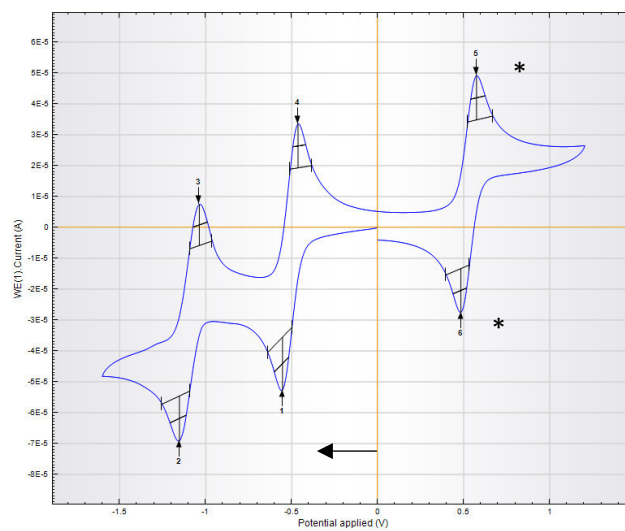


1<sup>st</sup> peak (invers)



#### 4.6. Compound 11

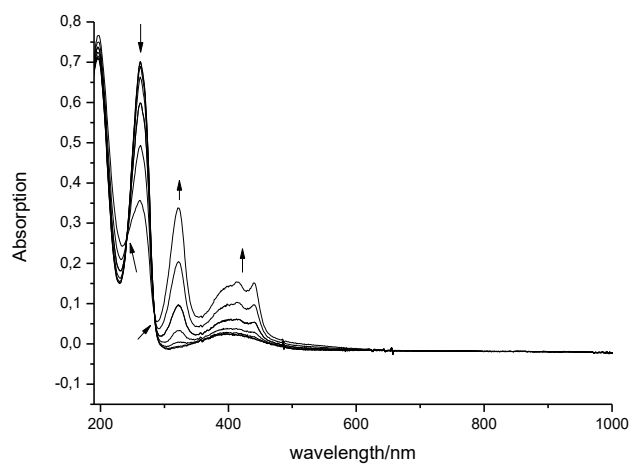
##### - Cyclic Voltammetry



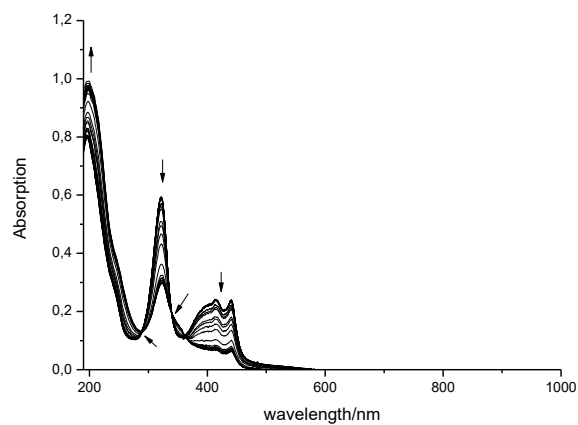
\*Ferrocene as internal standard

- Spectroelectrochemical studies

Peak 1 (0- -0.7 V)

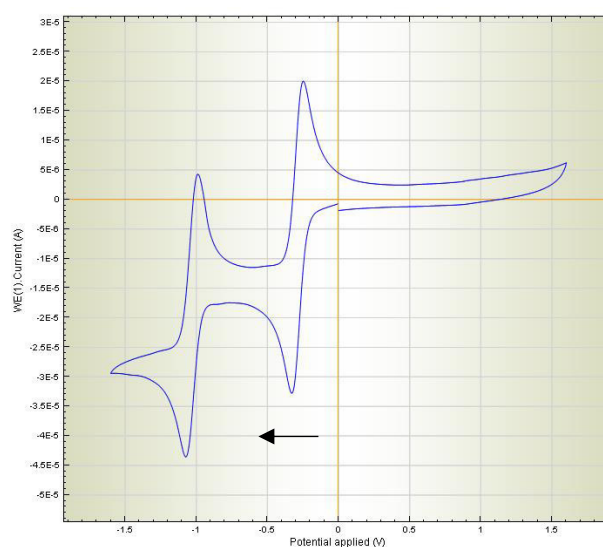


Peak 2 (-0.7- -1.4V)



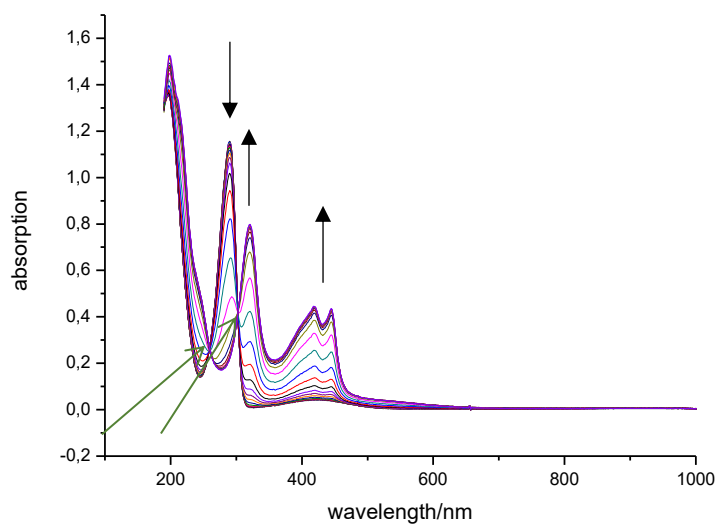
#### 4.7. Compound 12

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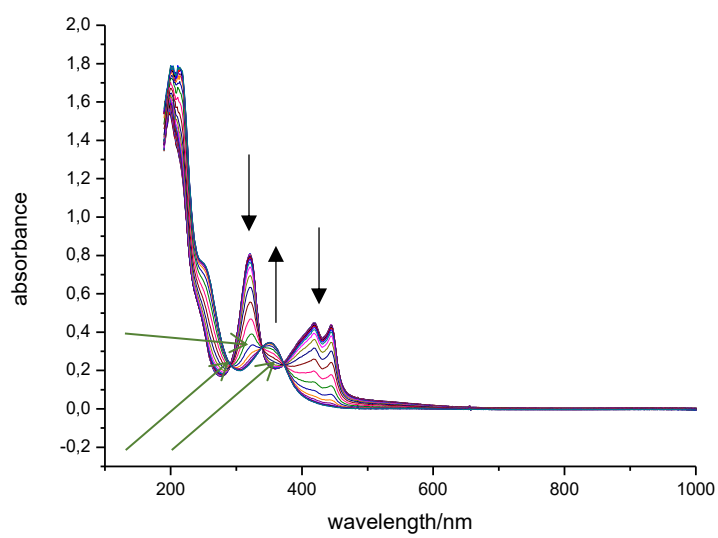


- Spectroelectrochemical studies

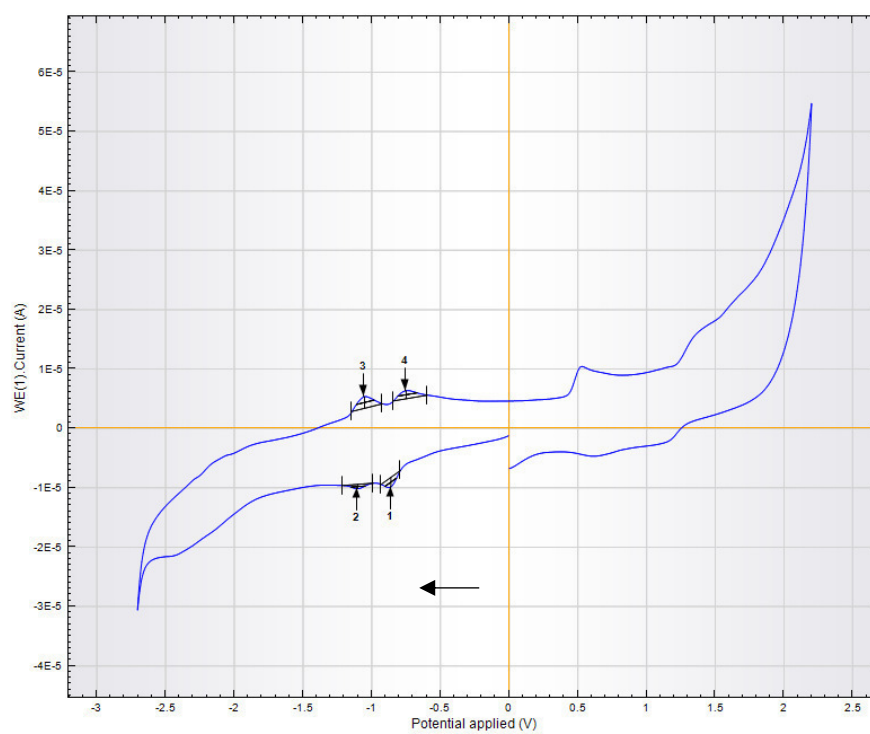
Peak 1 (0- -0.5V)



Peak 2 (-0.5 - -1.5V)

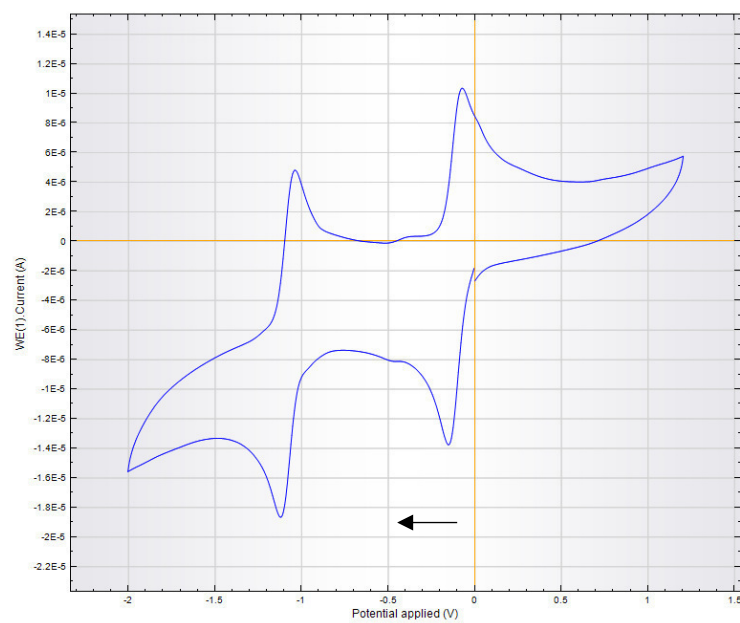


#### 4.8. DCIP



Potentials vs. SCN: -0.96 V, -1.23 V.

#### 4.9. PMS



Potentials vs SCN: -0.11 V, -1.08 V.

## 5. Photoactivated Oxidation

### 5.1. Experimental Approach:

**A Reduction of  $1b^o$ :** A solution of  $1b^o$  (5 mM or 10 mM, DMSO, 600  $\mu$ L) was dissolved in DMSO (1200  $\mu$ L) and treated with a saturated solution of Hantzsch ester **13** (12 mM, DMSO, 600  $\mu$ L) and stirred at ambient temperature in the dark.

To monitor the reaction, samples (100  $\mu$ L) were taken and diluted with DMSO (100  $\mu$ L), filtered and injected into analytical HPLC.

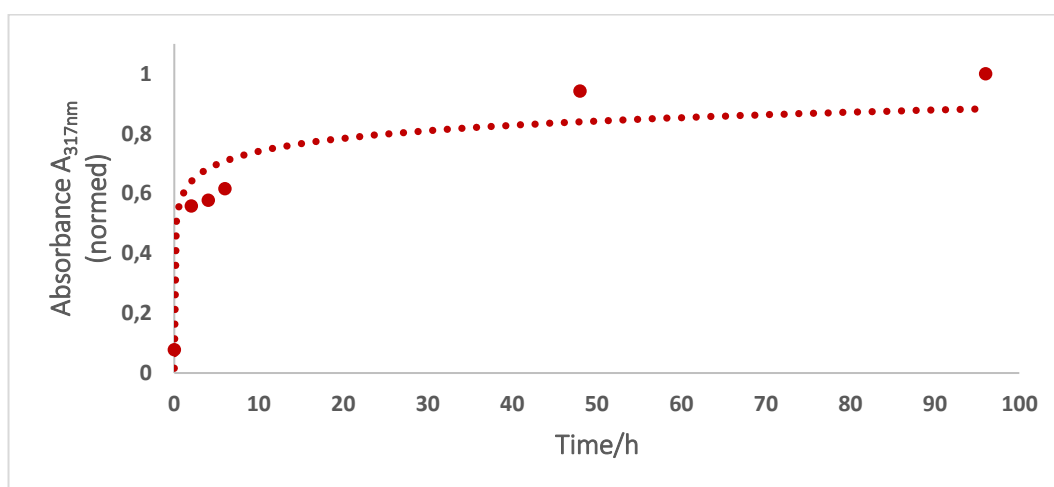
**B Reduction of  $1b^c$ :** A solution of  $1b^c$  (5 mM, DMSO, 50  $\mu$ L) was dissolved in DMSO (100  $\mu$ L) and treated with a saturated solution of Hantzsch ester **13** (12 mM, DMSO, 50  $\mu$ L) and stirred at ambient temperature in the dark.

To monitor the reaction, samples (20  $\mu$ L) were taken and diluted with DMSO (40  $\mu$ L), filtered and injected into analytical HPLC.

**C Reduction of  $1b^c$  and photoactivation:** A solution of  $1b^c$  (10mM, DMSO, 50  $\mu$ L) was dissolved in DMSO (100  $\mu$ L) and treated with a saturated solution of Hantzsch ester **13** (12mM, DMSO, 50  $\mu$ L) and stirred at ambient temperature in the dark. After three hours the sample was irradiated with a 590 nm single-spot LED for 10 min, then stirring was continued in the dark.

To monitor the reaction, samples (20  $\mu$ L) were taken and diluted with DMSO (40  $\mu$ L), filtered and injected into analytical HPLC.

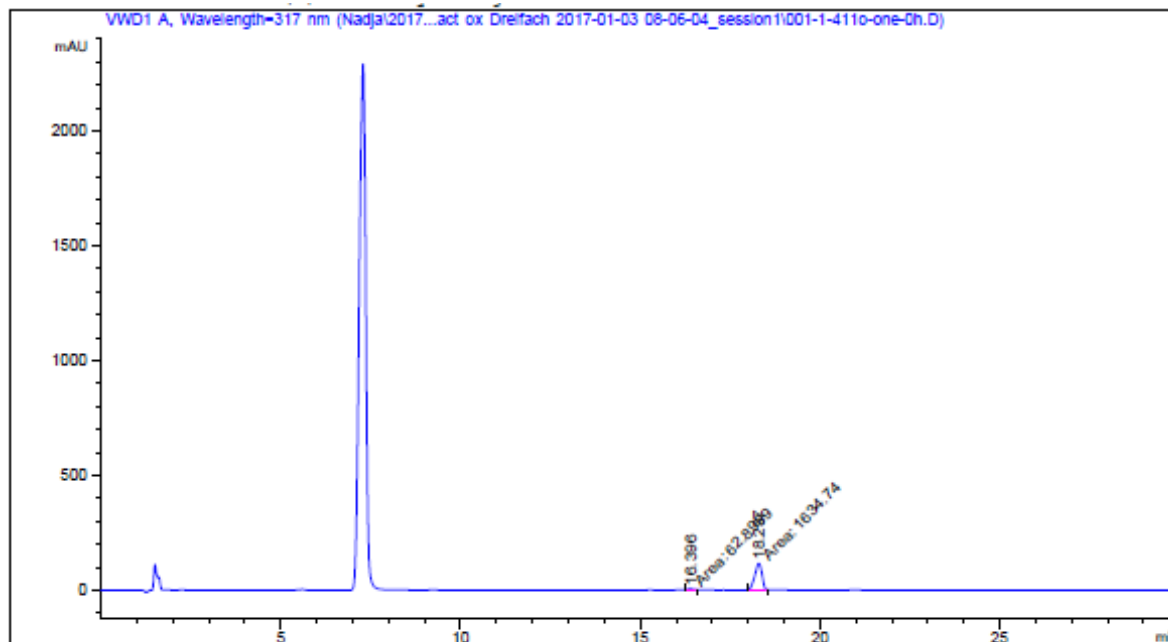
### 5.2. Formation of $1b^{o,red}$ using $1b^o$ (10 mM, DMSO)



### 5.3. Representative HPLC traces (for Main Text, Figure 6 **A** and **B**)

Peaks: 7.2 min Hantzsch ester **13** (at the applied gradient oxidized and reduced form show the same retention time); 16.3 min: **1b**<sup>o,red</sup>; 18.3 min: **1b**<sup>o</sup>; 21.0 min: **1b**<sup>c</sup>.

**A\_0h**



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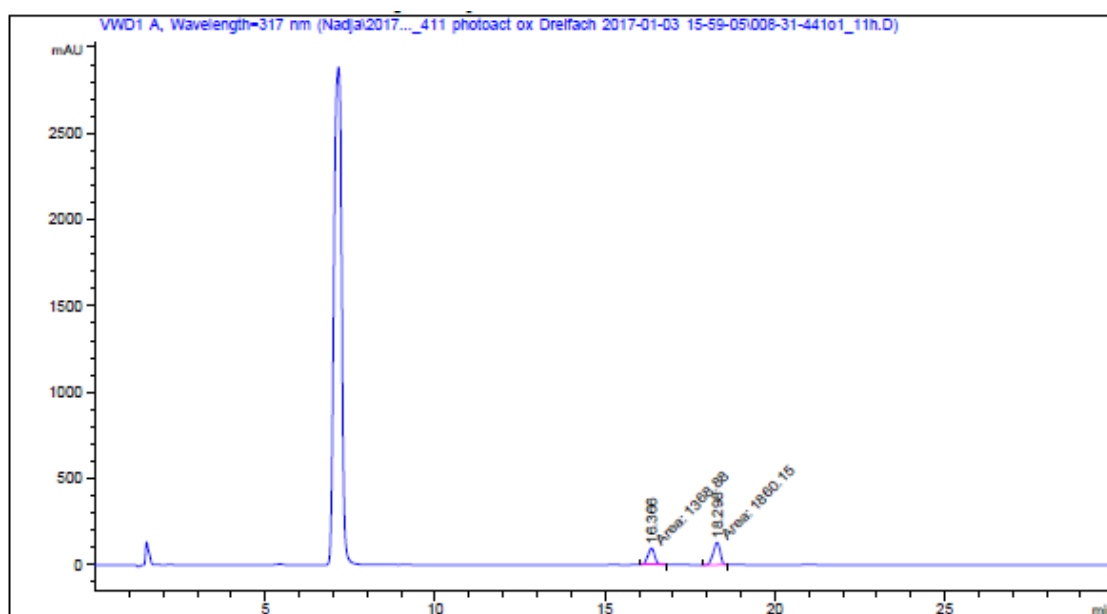
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1	16.396	MM	0.2133	62.89994	4.91378	3.7051
2	18.297	MM	0.2337	1634.74426	116.57957	96.2949



A\_11h



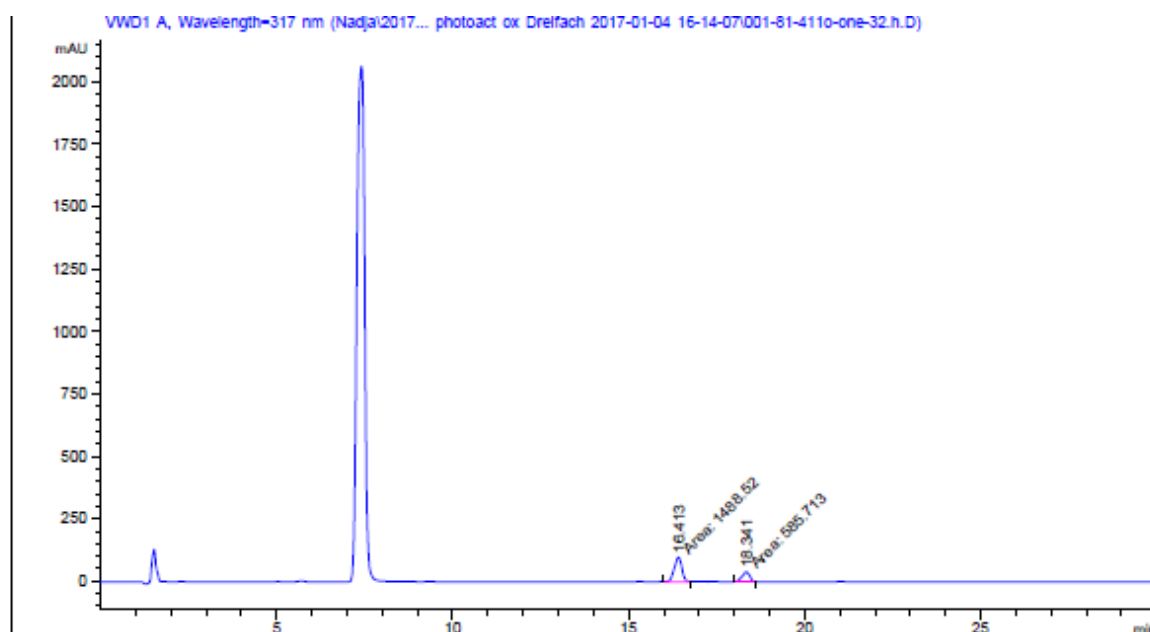
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1	16.366	MM	0.2389	1368.88477	95.50758	42.3930
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A\_32h



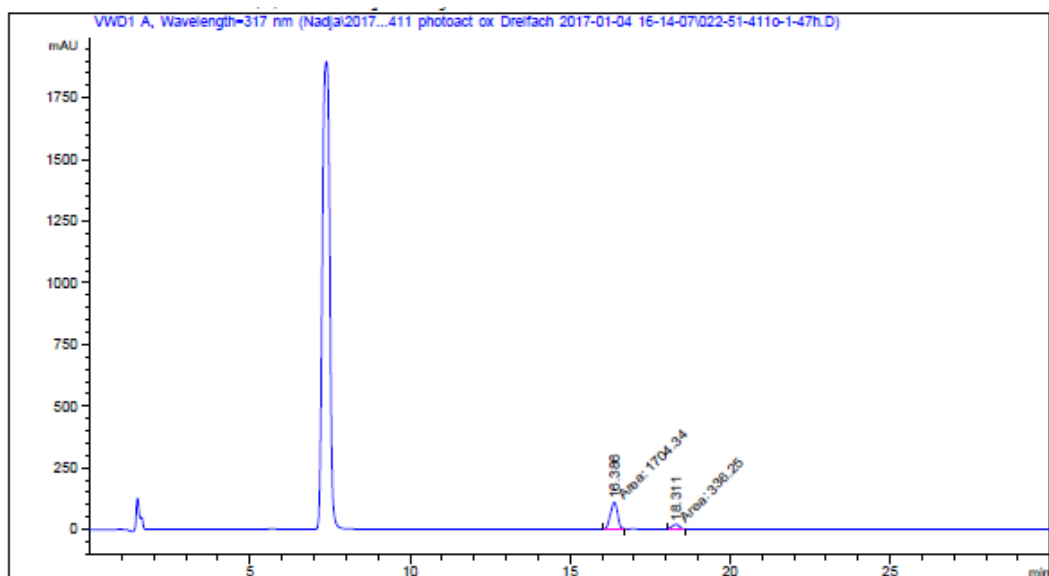
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A\_47h



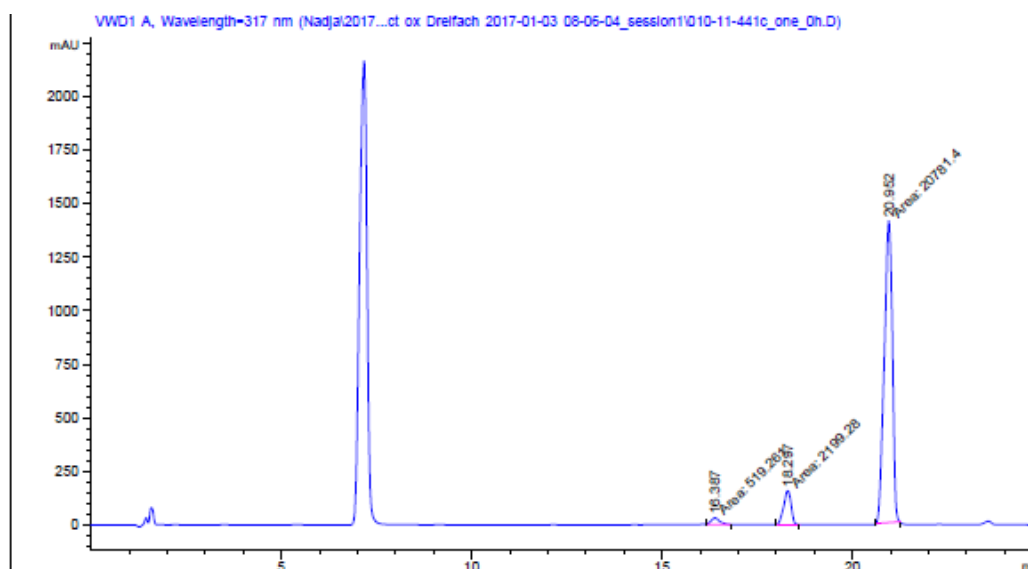
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1	16.386	MM	0.2598	1704.33765	109.34824	83.5219
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B\_0h/C\_0h



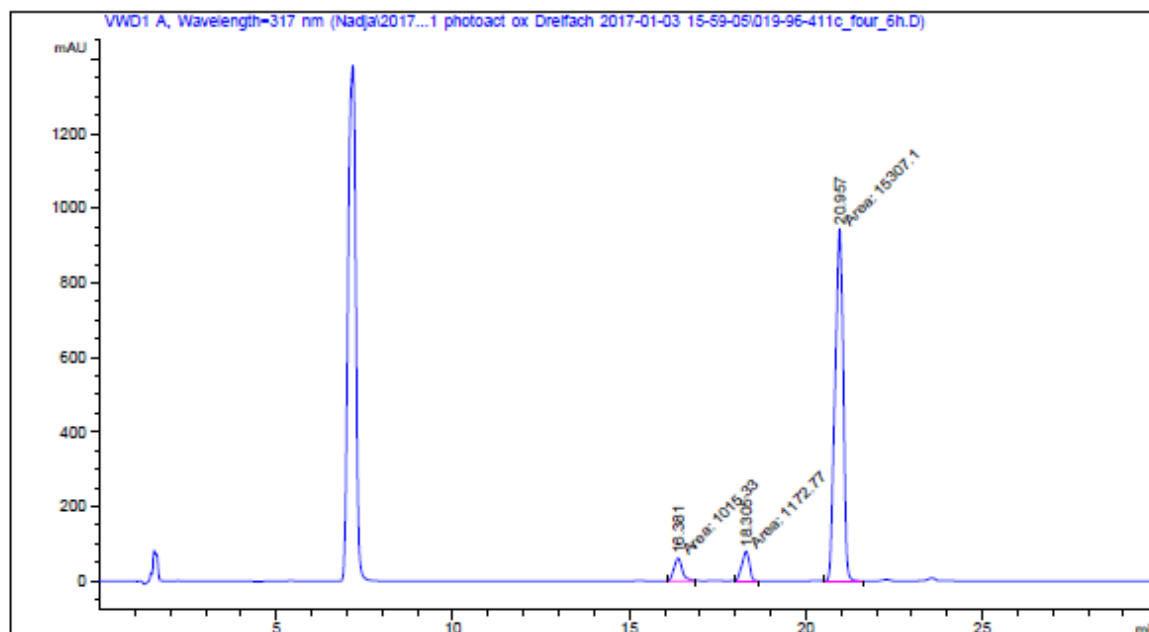
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1	16.387	MM	0.2781	519.26062	31.12502	2.2096
2	18.297	MM	0.2289	2199.28003	160.10457	9.3587
3	20.952	MM	0.2459	2.07814e4	1408.44507	88.4317

B\_6h



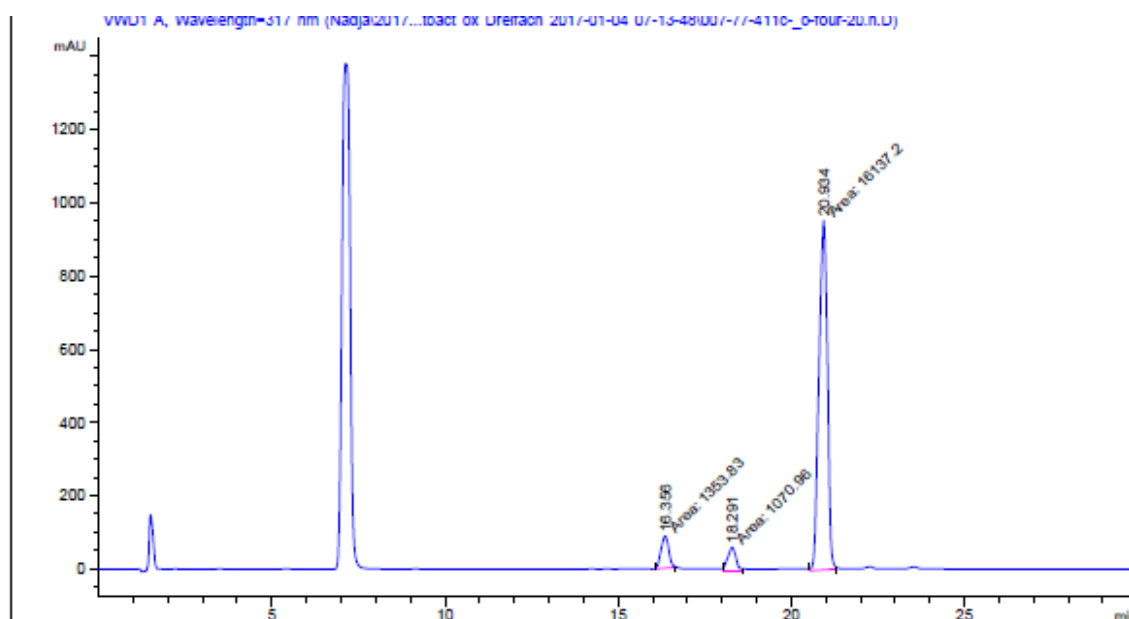
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2	18.305	MM	0.2456	1172.76794	79.58045	6.7034
3	20.957	MM	0.2697	1.53071e4	945.79211	87.4931

B\_20h



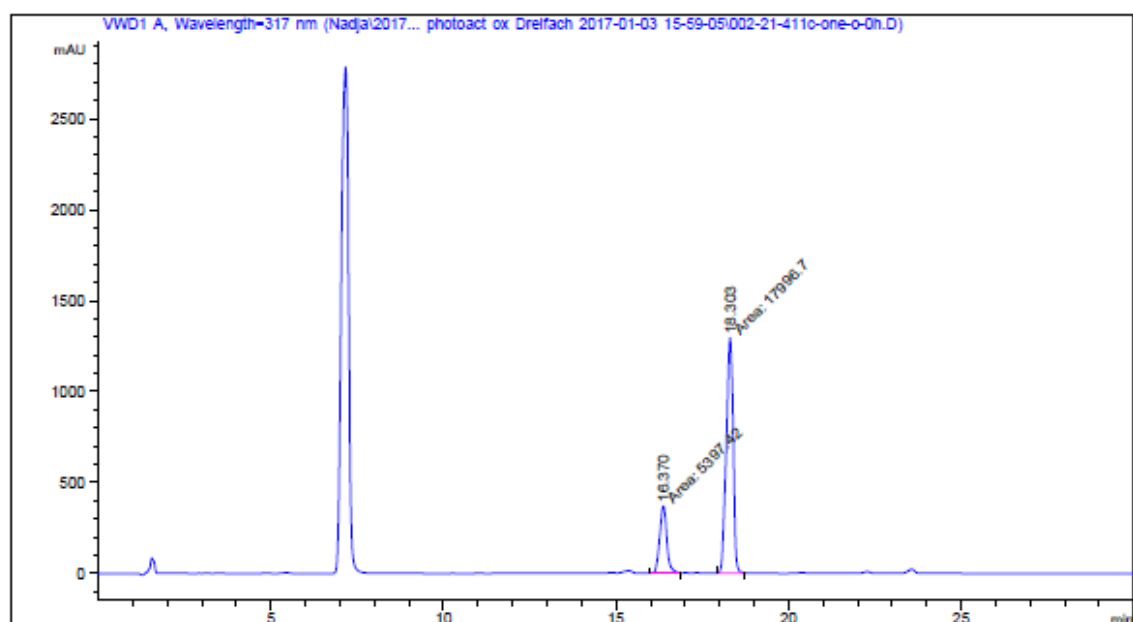
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1	16.356	MM	0.2586	1353.82556	87.26817	7.2935
2	18.291	MM	0.2799	1070.96094	63.77544	5.7696
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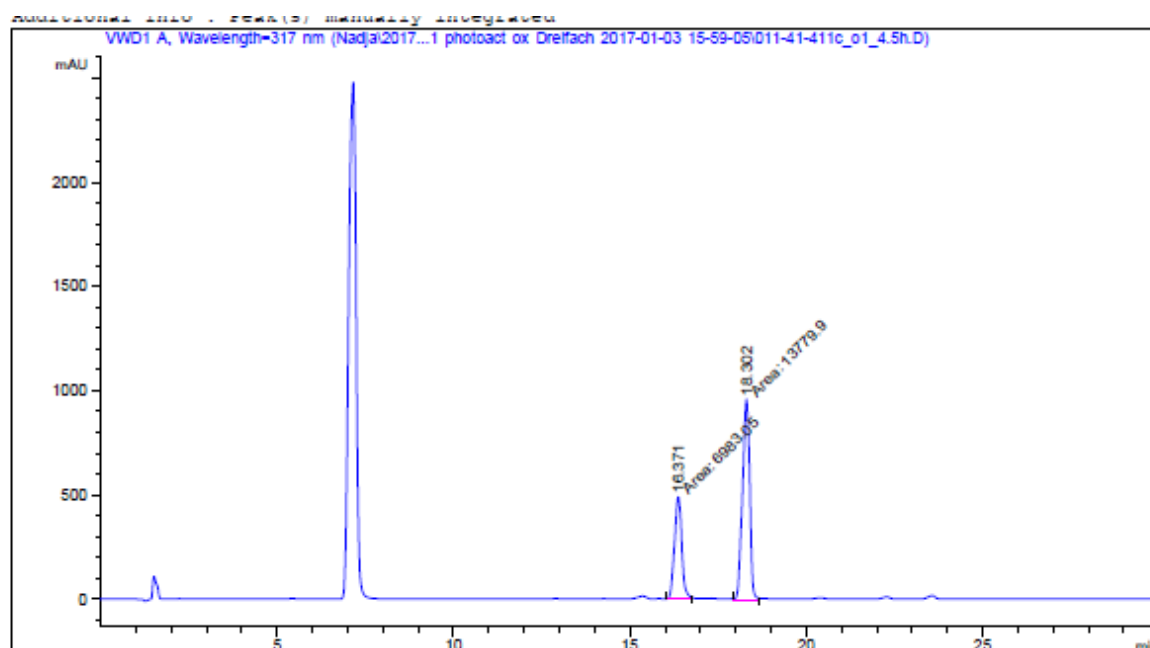
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Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	16.370	MM	0.2431	5397.41650	370.02362	23.0717
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C\_7.5h



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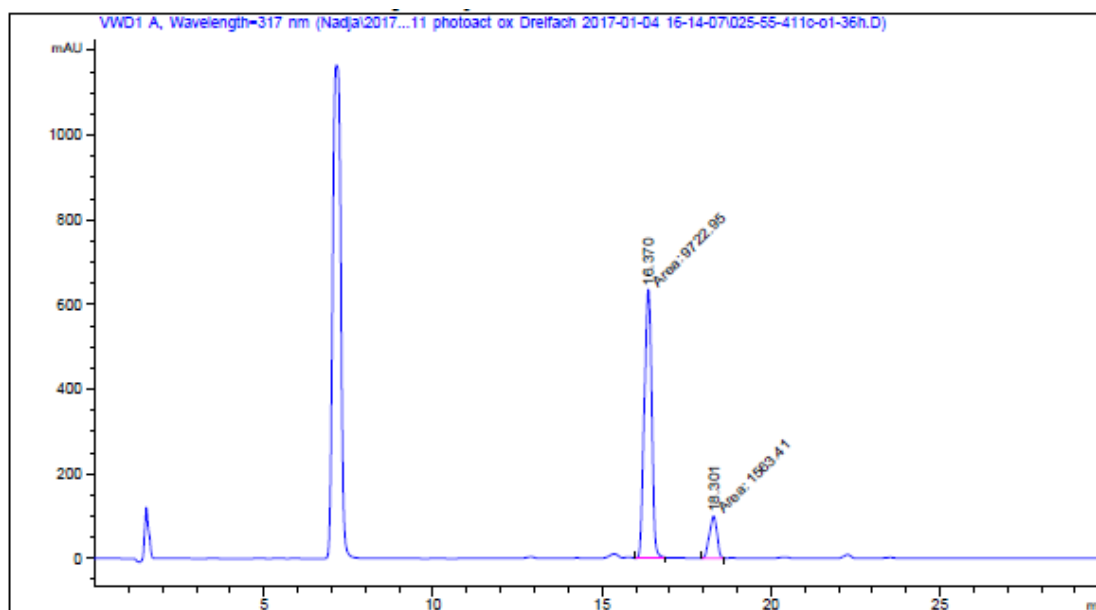
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Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	16.371	MM	0.2390	6983.05029	486.93979	33.6323
2	18.302	MM	0.2388	1.37799e4	961.71655	66.3677



C\_39h



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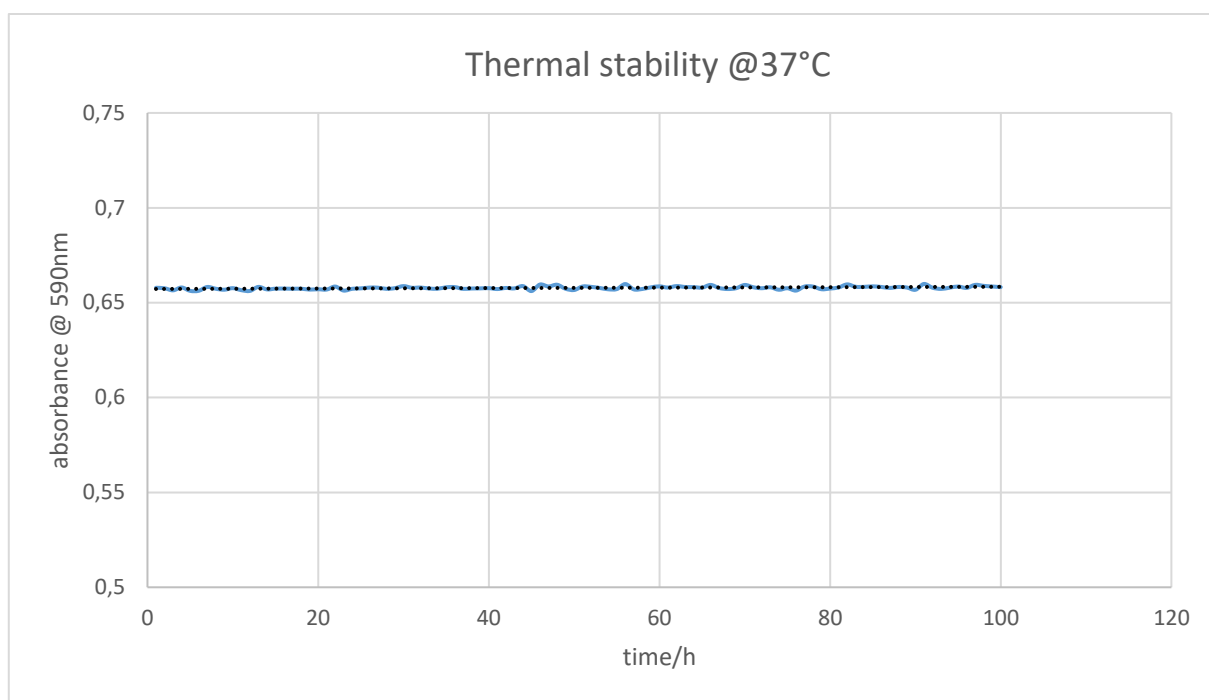
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1	16.370	MM	0.2555	9722.95117	634.16931	86.1478
2	18.301	MM	0.2608	1563.40955	99.90733	13.8522

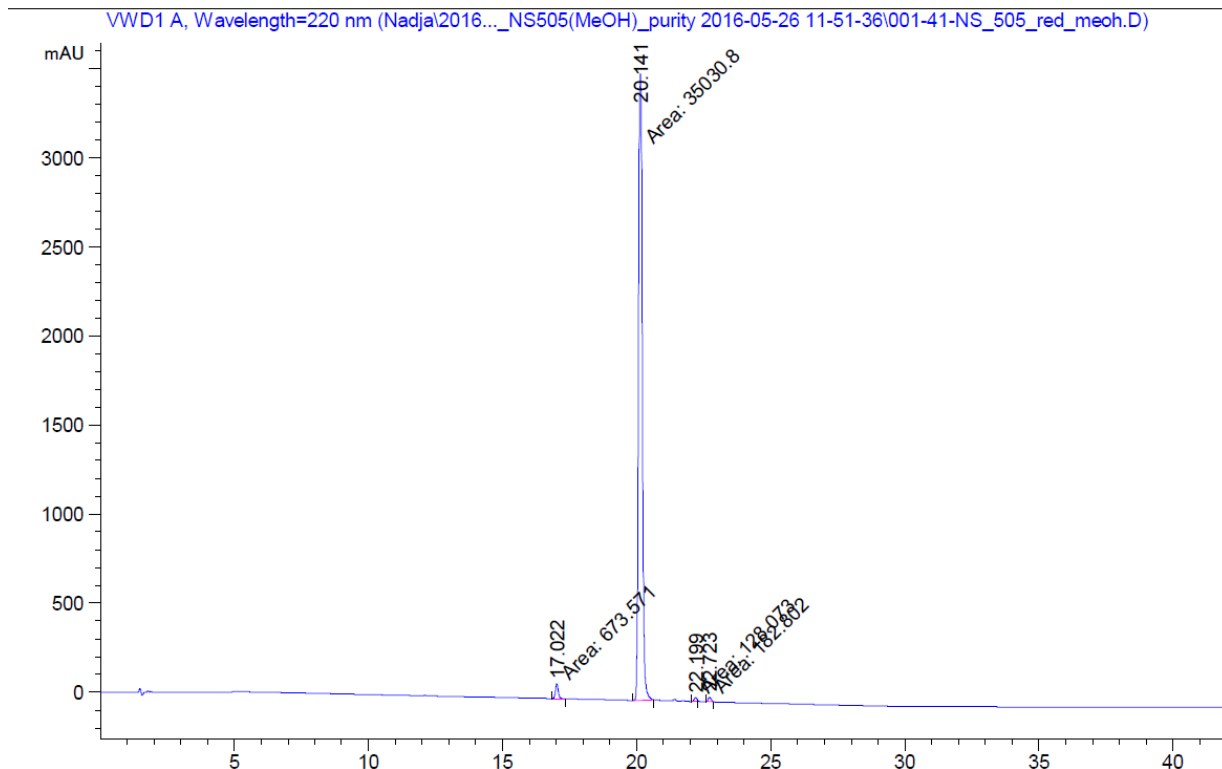
## 6. Activation of **1b<sup>c</sup>** on isolated Mitochondria

- Stability of **1b<sup>c</sup>** at elevated temperatures



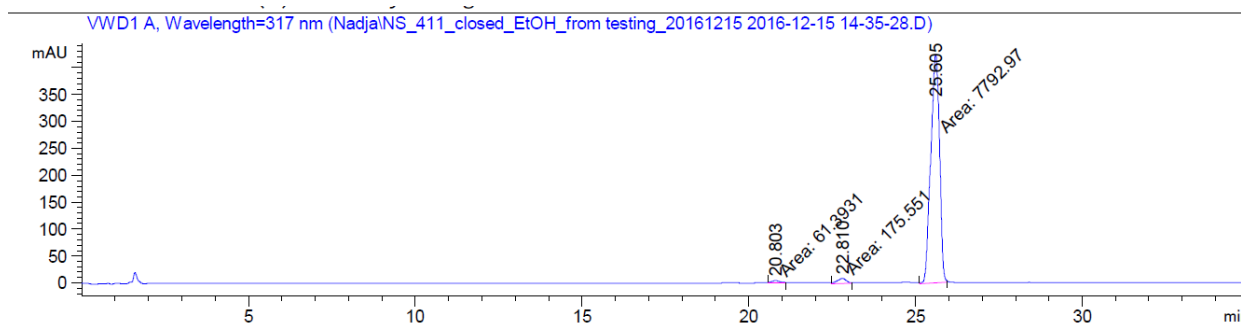
- Purity of compounds **1b<sup>o</sup>** and **1b<sup>c</sup>**

### **1b<sup>o</sup>**



Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	17.022	MM	0.1302	673.57086	86.23805	1.8702
2	20.141	MM	0.1661	3.50308e4	3515.66992	97.2666
3	22.199	MM	0.1065	128.07347	20.05158	0.3556
4	22.723	MM	0.1231	182.80190	24.75809	0.5076

**1b<sup>c</sup>**



Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	20.803	MM	0.2713	61.39307	3.77112	0.7646
2	22.810	MM	0.3193	175.55141	9.16268	2.1862
3	25.605	MM	0.3063	7792.96826	424.01196	97.0492

Totals : 8029.91273 436.94577

- Isolation of mitochondria from yeast cells

A crude mitochondria extract was isolated from the wildtype yeast strain BY4742 (MAT $\alpha$  his3 $\Delta$ 1 leu2 $\Delta$ 0 lys2 $\Delta$ 0 ura3 $\Delta$ 0), thankfully provided by the group of Herbert Tschochner, according to Gregg et al.<sup>3</sup> The protein concentration of the extract was determined with the Bradford assay<sup>4</sup> and the mitochondria were stored in 30 mM KP (pH 7.4), 2.2 mM EDTA and 0.1% (w/v) Thesit at -80 °C

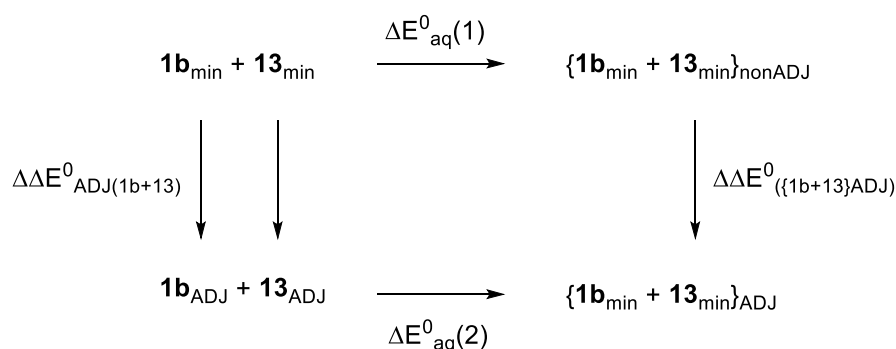
- Mitochondrial reduction of 2,6-dichlorophenol indophenol

Reduction of 2,6-dichlorophenol indophenol (DCIP) was measured using the succinate dehydrogenase activity (SDH) of mitochondria as described previously.<sup>5</sup> Prior to the assays, SDH was activated with 8 mM succinate for 15 min at 37 °C. Triplet measurements were carried out in a 96-well plate of assays containing 40  $\mu$ M **1b<sup>c</sup>** and **1b<sup>o</sup>** dissolved in ethanol, respectively, 10 mM succinate, 100  $\mu$ M DCIP and 0.2 g/L mitochondria in 50 mM KP (pH 7.6), 0.006% (w/v) Thesit, 0.2 mM EDTA at 37 °C. Reduction of DCIP was followed at 520 nm ( $\epsilon_{\text{DCIP},520} = 6.8 \text{ mM}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) continuously for 30 min or with 10 min interruption in which the samples were irradiated with 590 nm in the same plate reader used for activity measurements with an integrated 10 W xenon flash lamp (Tecan Trading AG). The resulting data were plotted and fitted with a linear function in the time frame of 0-10 min as well as 20-30 min to visualize the difference in reactivity.

## 7. Computational Studies

All DFT-calculations (B3LAP/6–31G(d) level) were performed with the Gaussian 09, Revision D01 software package.<sup>6</sup> Optimized structures (**1b**<sup>o</sup><sub>min</sub>, **1b**<sup>c</sup><sub>min</sub>, **13**<sub>min</sub>, {**1b**<sup>o</sup><sub>min</sub>–**13**<sub>min</sub>}<sub>ADJ</sub>, {**1b**<sup>c</sup><sub>min</sub>–**13**<sub>min</sub>}<sub>ADJ</sub>) were confirmed to be minima through frequency calculations. Single-point energies were calculated for **1b**<sup>o</sup><sub>ADJ</sub>, **1b**<sup>c</sup><sub>ADJ</sub>, **13**<sub>ADJ</sub>, {**1b**<sup>o</sup><sub>min</sub>–**13**<sub>min</sub>}<sub>nonADJ</sub> and {**1b**<sup>c</sup><sub>min</sub>–**13**<sub>min</sub>}<sub>nonADJ</sub>. All cartesian coordinates are given in paragraph 10. later in the Supporting Information.

Adapting a published strategy, an energy cycle to gain insight into the presence of a non-covalent  $\pi$  stacking between both photoisomers and **13** was calculated according to the following scheme.<sup>7</sup>



Then, the energies of the optimized structures (indicated with “min”) of both photoisomers, the Hantzsch ester and the respective adduct complexes were compared with single point calculations of mixed structures, revealing the adjustment process (indicated with “ADJ”) of the structures upon  $\pi$  stacking. The energy differences are given as follows:

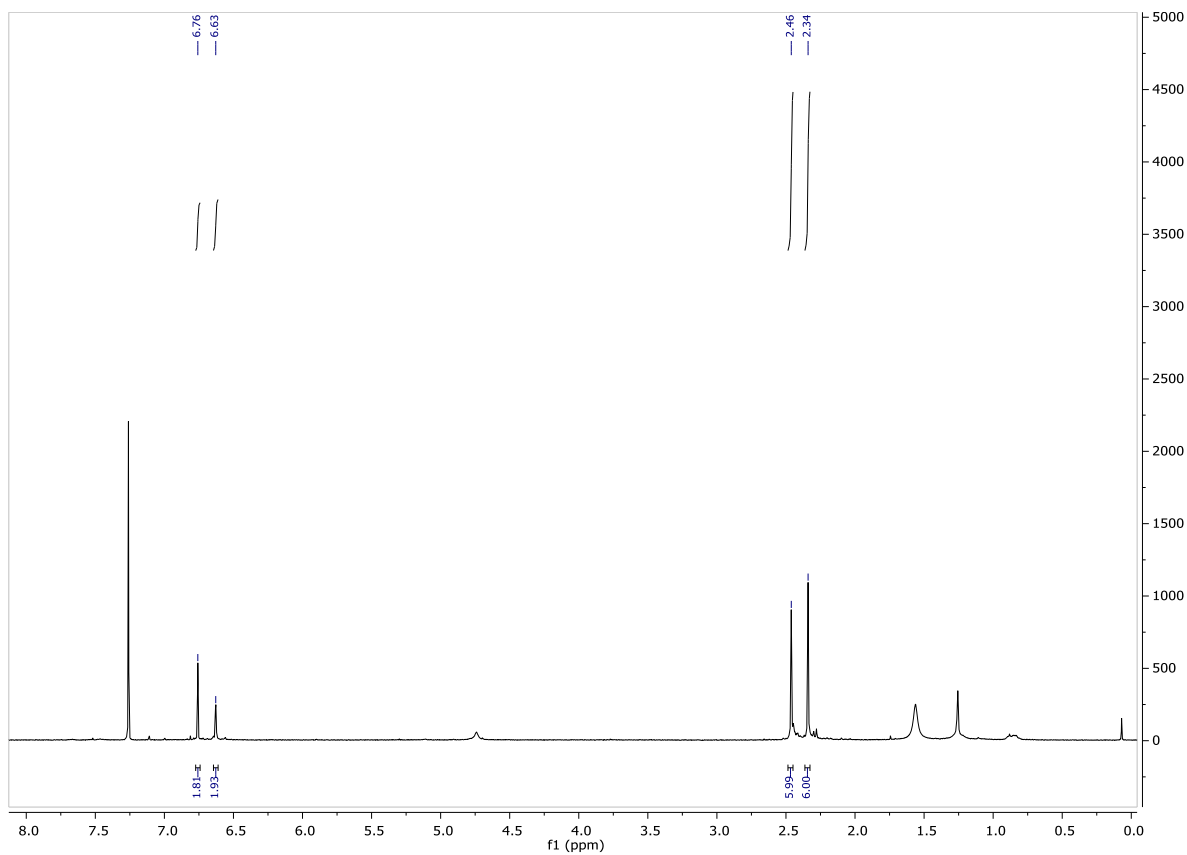
	<b>1b</b> <sup>o</sup>	<b>1b</b> <sup>c</sup>	$\Delta \Delta E^0(\mathbf{1b}^c - \mathbf{1b}^o)$
$\Delta E_{\text{aq}}^0(1)^*$	-0,38	1,38	
$\Delta E_{\text{aq}}^0(2)^*$	-16,5	-22,9	
$\Delta \Delta E_{\text{ADJ}(1\mathbf{b}+13)}^0$ *	1,07	1,75	
$\Delta \Delta E_{(\{1\mathbf{b}+13\}\text{ADJ})}^0$ *	-15,06	-22,53	-7,47

\*Energy differences are expressed in Kcal/mol.

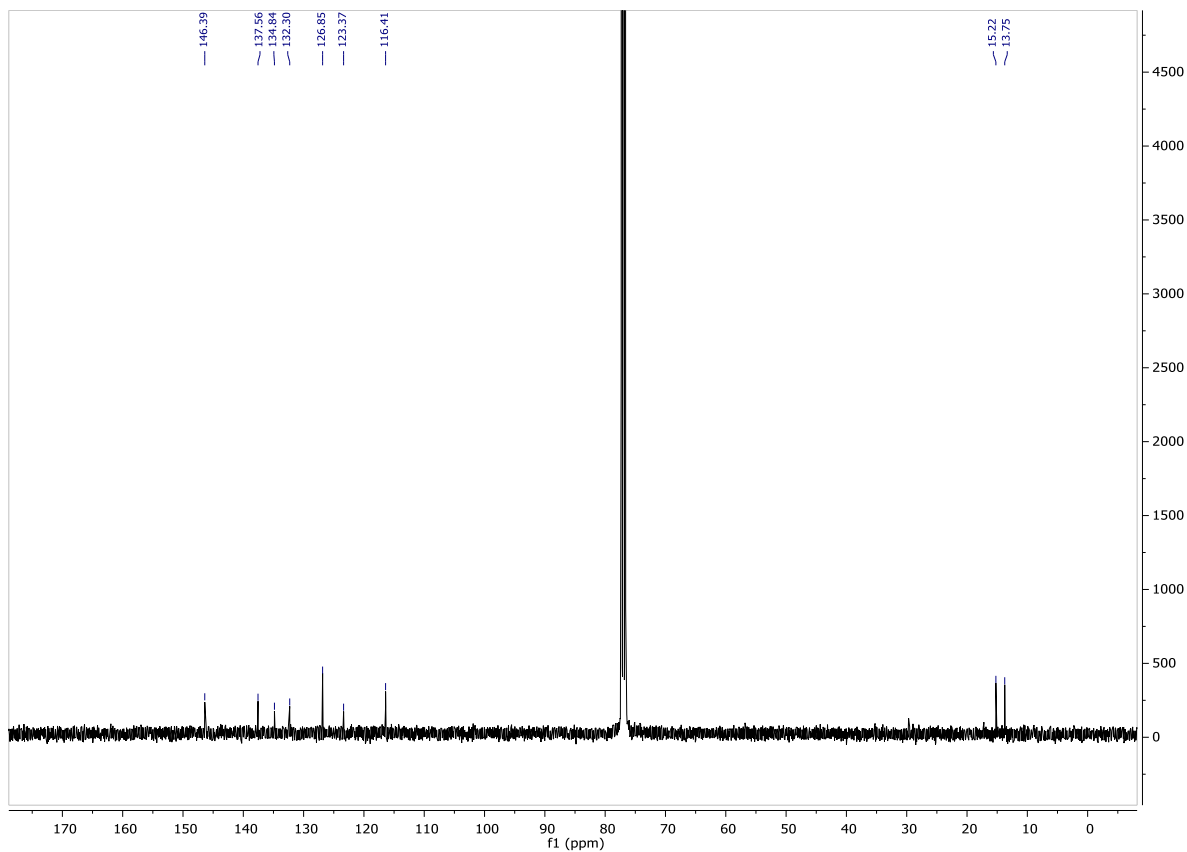
## 8. NMR spectra

- Compound **1a'**

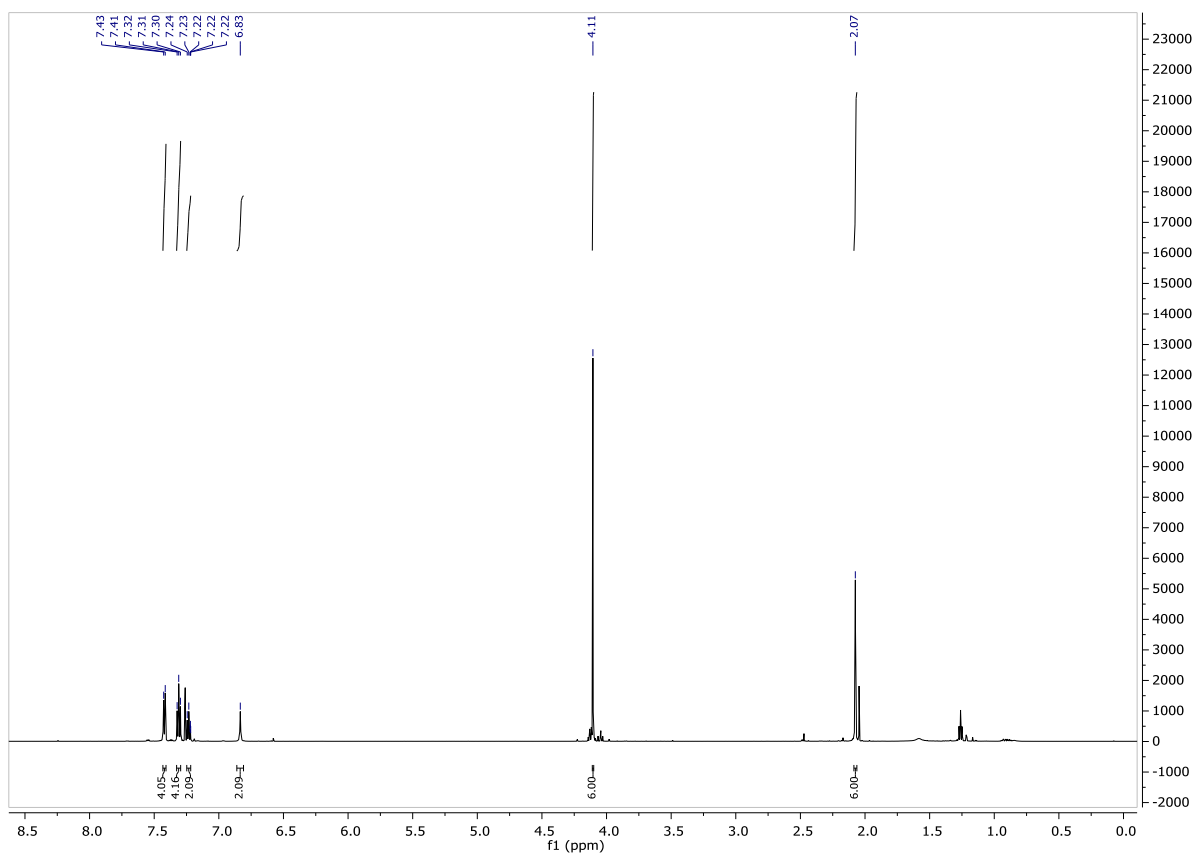
$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)



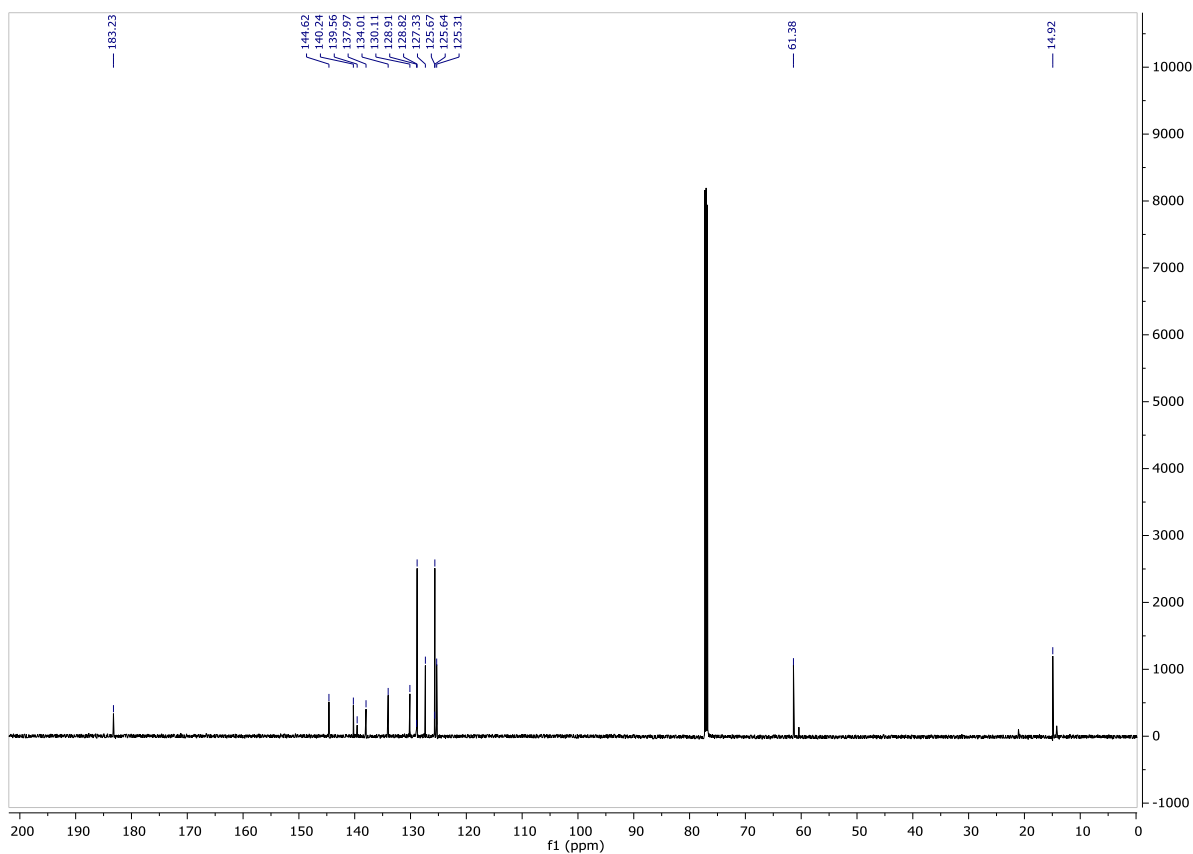
$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 101 MHz)



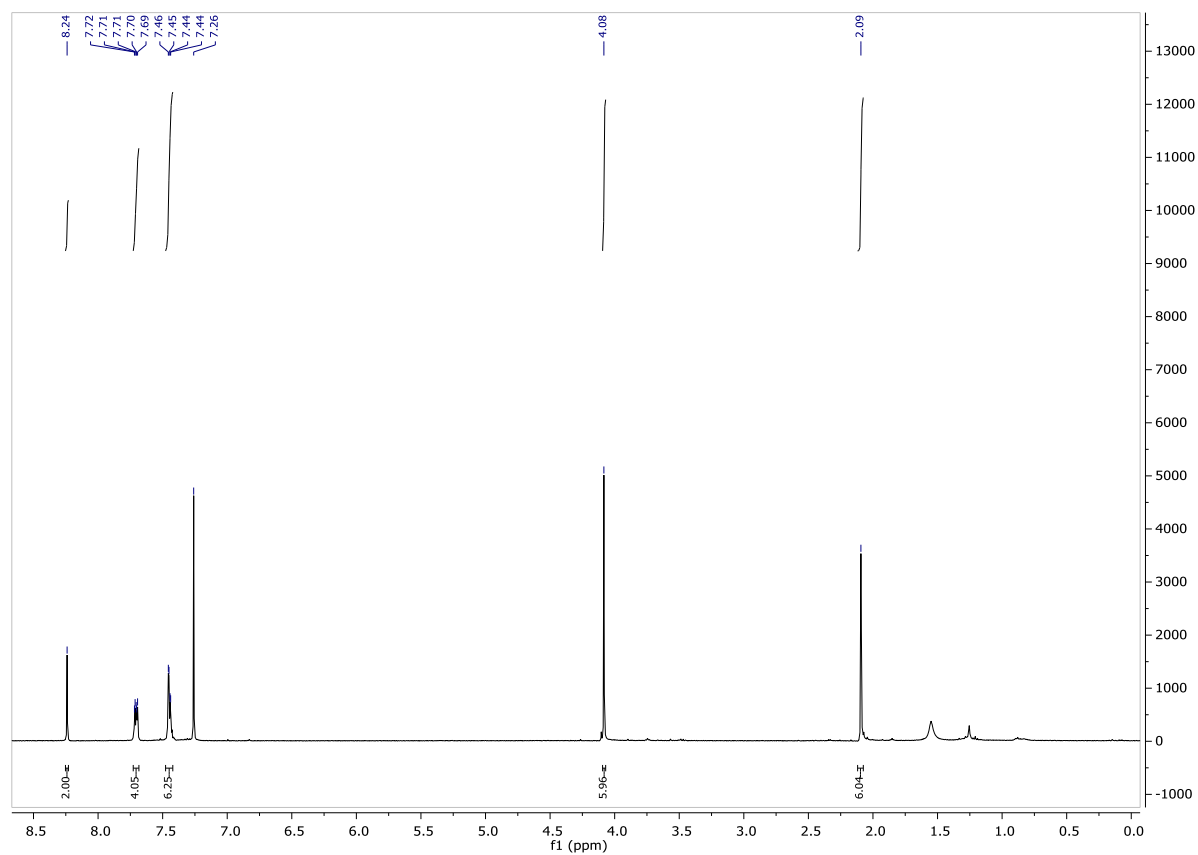
- Compound **1b<sup>o</sup>**  
<sup>1</sup>H (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)



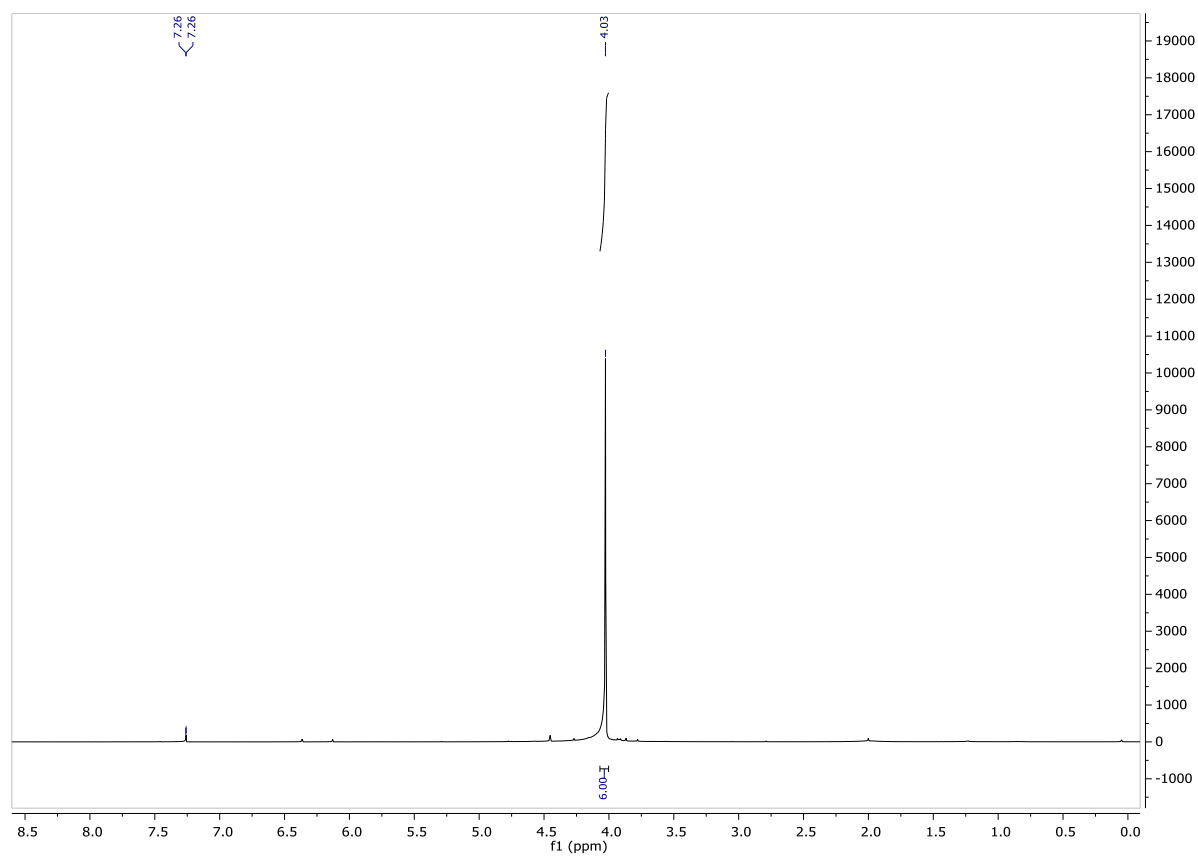
<sup>13</sup>C (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 151 MHz)



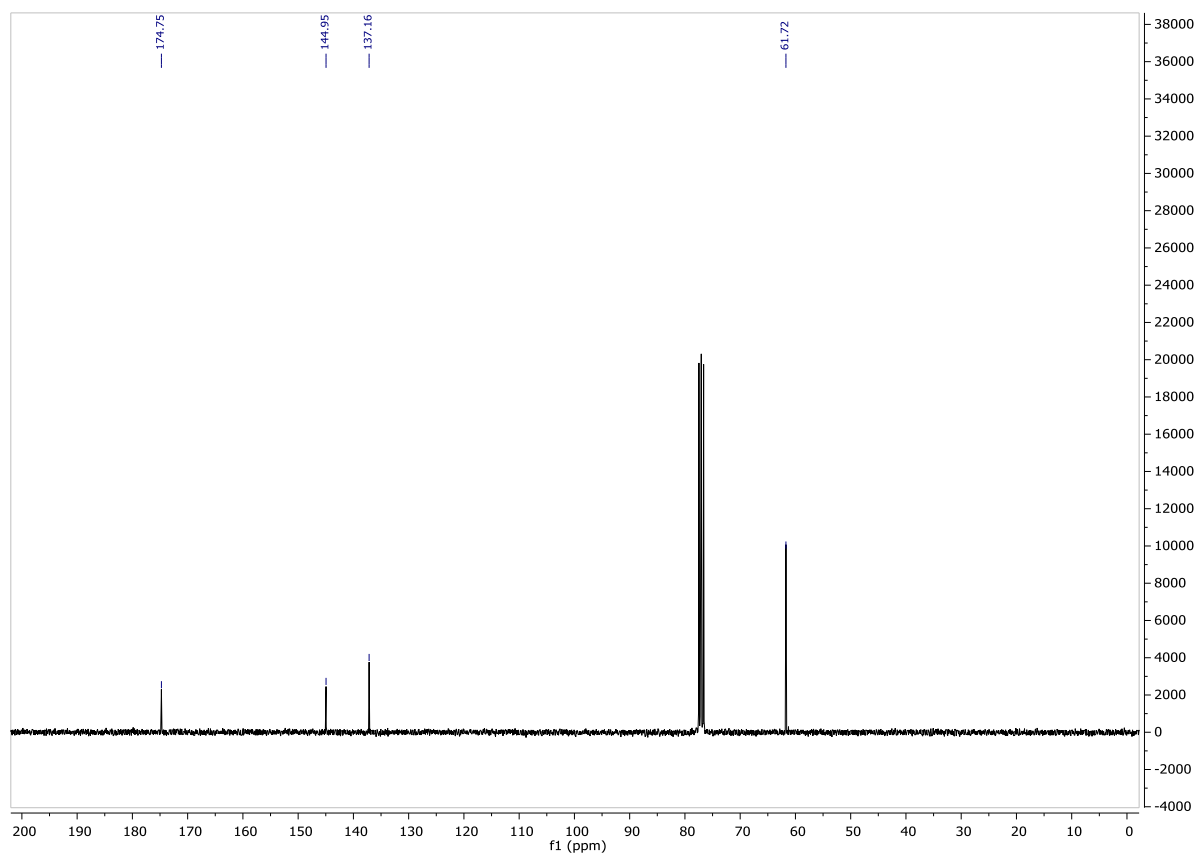
- Compound **1b<sup>c</sup>**  
<sup>1</sup>H NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400MHz)



- Compound **9b**  
<sup>1</sup>H (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)



$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 75MHz)





## 9. X-Ray Structure of 9b



**Experimental.** Single light red block-shaped crystals of (**9b**) were obtained by recrystallisation from .... A suitable crystal ( $0.25 \times 0.18 \times 0.10$ ) mm<sup>3</sup> was selected and mounted on ... on a GV1000, TitanS2 diffractometer. The crystal was kept at  $T = 123.01(10)$  K during data collection. Using **Olex2**, the structure was solved with the **ShelXT** structure solution program, using the Direct Methods solution method. The model was refined with version 2016/6 of **ShelXL** using Least Squares minimisation.<sup>8</sup>

**Crystal Data.** C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>6</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>,  $M_r = 325.95$ , monoclinic, P2<sub>1</sub>/c (No. 14),  $a = 8.56023(6)$  Å,  $b = 16.31960(16)$  Å,  $c = 6.91885(5)$  Å,  $\alpha = 94.8033(7)^\circ$ ,  $\beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$ ,  $V = 963.165(14)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $T = 123.01(10)$  K,  $Z = 4$ ,  $Z' = 1$ ,  $\mu(\text{CuK}) = 10.606$ , 13822 reflections measured, 1927 unique ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0288$ ) which were used in all calculations. The final  $wR_2$  was 0.0687 (all data) and  $R_1$  was 0.0271 ( $I > 2(I)$ ).

Compound	9b
Formula	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>6</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>
$D_{\text{calc.}} / \text{g cm}^{-3}$	2.248
$\square / \text{mm}^{-1}$	10.606
Formula Weight	325.95
Colour	light red
Shape	block
Size/mm <sup>3</sup>	$0.25 \times 0.18 \times 0.10$
$T/\text{K}$	123.01(10)
Crystal System	monoclinic
Space Group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c
$a/\text{\AA}$	8.56023(6)
$b/\text{\AA}$	16.31960(16)
$c/\text{\AA}$	6.91885(5)
$\alpha/^\circ$	90
$\beta/^\circ$	94.8033(7)
$\gamma/^\circ$	90
$V/\text{\AA}^3$	963.165(14)
$Z$	4
$Z'$	1
Wavelength/Å	1.54184
Radiation type	CuK $\alpha$
$\mu_{\text{min}}/^\circ$	5.185
$\mu_{\text{max}}/^\circ$	73.474
Measured Refl.	13822
Independent Refl.	1927
Reflections Used	1907
$R_{\text{int}}$	0.0288
Parameters	129
Restraints	0
Largest Peak	0.519
Deepest Hole	-0.959
GooF	1.195
$wR_2$ (all data)	0.0687
$wR_2$	0.0685
$R_1$ (all data)	0.0276
$R_1$	0.0271

Images of the Crystal on the Diffractometer



**Table A2:** Fractional Atomic Coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for **9b**.  $U_{eq}$  is defined as 1/3 of the trace of the orthogonalised  $U_{ij}$ .

Atom	x	y	z	$U_{eq}$
Br(01)	3602.1(3)	4478.8(2)	2540.8(4)	17.37(11)
Br(02)	6514.2(4)	3063.3(2)	2723.1(5)	24.33(11)
O(003)	5017(2)	6143.7(12)	2295(3)	20.8(4)
O(004)	7963(2)	6723.3(11)	2289(3)	16.2(4)
O(005)	10440(2)	5474.0(13)	2525(3)	25.2(5)
O(006)	9619(2)	3953.5(13)	2671(3)	25.2(4)
C(007)	5731(3)	4743.6(16)	2539(4)	14.6(5)
C(008)	7777(3)	7205.3(16)	4007(4)	18.4(5)
C(009)	6066(3)	5643.1(16)	2439(4)	13.9(5)
C(00A)	8896(3)	5350.6(17)	2538(4)	16.3(5)
C(00B)	7721(3)	5902.3(16)	2490(4)	14.2(5)
C(00C)	11073(3)	6289.2(18)	2343(5)	23.6(6)
C(00D)	8556(3)	4448.2(17)	2611(4)	17.0(6)
C(00E)	6881(3)	4187.5(16)	2614(4)	15.7(5)

**Table A2:** Anisotropic Displacement Parameters ( $\times 10^4$ ) **9b**. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form:  $-2\pi^2 [h^2 a^{*2} \times U_{11} + \dots + 2hka^* \times b^* \times U_{12}]$

Atom	$U_{11}$	$U_{22}$	$U_{33}$	$U_{23}$	$U_{13}$	$U_{12}$
Br(01)	14.53(16)	17.29(18)	20.33(16)	-0.73(10)	1.67(10)	-4.12(10)
Br(02)	27.31(18)	10.36(17)	34.83(19)	-0.58(11)	-0.37(13)	-0.24(11)
O(003)	15.3(9)	14.4(10)	32.8(11)	-0.2(8)	1.7(8)	2.5(8)
O(004)	19.0(9)	9.2(9)	20.7(9)	0.9(7)	2.9(7)	-1.3(7)
O(005)	10.9(9)	16.7(11)	47.9(13)	-0.4(9)	2.3(9)	0.8(7)
O(006)	21.3(10)	17(1)	37.0(11)	-1.0(9)	1.7(9)	7.9(9)
C(007)	16.4(12)	13.4(13)	14.1(11)	-0.5(9)	0.9(9)	-2.3(10)
C(008)	21.7(13)	9.6(13)	24.1(13)	-3.1(10)	1.9(10)	0.6(10)
C(009)	14.4(12)	11.5(13)	15.6(11)	-1.2(9)	0.0(9)	-0.9(10)
C(00A)	13.6(12)	14.2(14)	20.9(13)	-1.1(10)	0.3(10)	-0.7(10)
C(00B)	15.2(12)	10.8(13)	16.5(11)	-0.7(9)	0.6(9)	-0.8(10)
C(00C)	12.7(12)	18.5(16)	39.7(17)	0.0(12)	2.2(12)	-2.2(10)
C(00D)	15.5(14)	13.5(14)	22.0(13)	-1.5(10)	0.4(10)	3.1(10)
C(00E)	19.7(13)	8.8(13)	18.4(12)	-1.0(9)	-0.2(10)	-0.9(10)

**Table A3:** Bond Lengths in  $\text{\AA}$  for **9b**.

Atom	Atom	Length/ $\text{\AA}$	Atom	Atom	Length/ $\text{\AA}$
Br(01)	C(007)	1.873(3)	O(006)	C(00D)	1.214(3)
Br(02)	C(00E)	1.864(3)	C(007)	C(009)	1.498(4)
O(003)	C(009)	1.212(3)	C(007)	C(00E)	1.336(4)
O(004)	C(008)	1.445(3)	C(009)	C(00B)	1.476(4)
O(004)	C(00B)	1.365(3)	C(00A)	C(00B)	1.348(4)
O(005)	C(00A)	1.338(3)	C(00A)	C(00D)	1.503(4)
O(005)	C(00C)	1.446(3)	C(00D)	C(00E)	1.496(4)

**Table A4:** Bond Angles in ° for **9b**.

Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°
C(00B)	O(004)	C(008)	115.00(19)
C(00A)	O(005)	C(00C)	121.1(2)
C(009)	C(007)	Br(01)	114.59(19)
C(00E)	C(007)	Br(01)	123.8(2)
C(00E)	C(007)	C(009)	121.6(2)
O(003)	C(009)	C(007)	121.4(2)
O(003)	C(009)	C(00B)	120.8(2)
C(00B)	C(009)	C(007)	117.8(2)
O(005)	C(00A)	C(00B)	129.4(3)
O(005)	C(00A)	C(00D)	110.0(2)

Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°
C(00B)	C(00A)	C(00D)	120.6(2)
O(004)	C(00B)	C(009)	115.6(2)
C(00A)	C(00B)	O(004)	122.6(2)
C(00A)	C(00B)	C(009)	121.4(3)
O(006)	C(00D)	C(00A)	120.4(2)
O(006)	C(00D)	C(00E)	121.7(3)
C(00E)	C(00D)	C(00A)	117.8(2)
C(007)	C(00E)	Br(02)	123.0(2)
C(007)	C(00E)	C(00D)	120.6(2)
C(00D)	C(00E)	Br(02)	116.39(19)

**Table A5:** Torsion Angles in ° for **9b**.

Atom	Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°
Br(01)	C(007)	C(009)	O(003)	-2.7(3)
Br(01)	C(007)	C(009)	C(00B)	178.23(17)
Br(01)	C(007)	C(00E)	Br(02)	0.2(3)
Br(01)	C(007)	C(00E)	C(00D)	-179.90(18)
O(003)	C(009)	C(00B)	O(004)	-2.5(4)
O(003)	C(009)	C(00B)	C(00A)	-176.2(3)
O(005)	C(00A)	C(00B)	O(004)	4.4(4)
O(005)	C(00A)	C(00B)	C(009)	177.6(3)
O(005)	C(00A)	C(00D)	O(006)	0.9(4)
O(005)	C(00A)	C(00D)	C(00E)	-179.4(2)
O(006)	C(00D)	C(00E)	Br(02)	0.2(3)
O(006)	C(00D)	C(00E)	C(007)	-179.7(3)
C(007)	C(009)	C(00B)	O(004)	176.6(2)
C(007)	C(009)	C(00B)	C(00A)	2.9(4)
C(008)	O(004)	C(00B)	C(009)	77.4(3)
C(008)	O(004)	C(00B)	C(00A)	-109.0(3)
C(009)	C(007)	C(00E)	Br(02)	-179.57(19)
C(009)	C(007)	C(00E)	C(00D)	0.3(4)
C(00A)	C(00D)	C(00E)	Br(02)	-179.59(19)
C(00A)	C(00D)	C(00E)	C(007)	0.5(4)
C(00B)	C(00A)	C(00D)	O(006)	-179.3(3)
C(00B)	C(00A)	C(00D)	C(00E)	0.4(4)
C(00C)	O(005)	C(00A)	C(00B)	-3.5(5)
C(00C)	O(005)	C(00A)	C(00D)	176.3(2)
C(00D)	C(00A)	C(00B)	O(004)	-175.4(2)
C(00D)	C(00A)	C(00B)	C(009)	-2.2(4)
C(00E)	C(007)	C(009)	O(003)	177.1(3)
C(00E)	C(007)	C(009)	C(00B)	-2.0(4)

**Table A6:** Hydrogen Fractional Atomic Coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for **9b**.  $U_{eq}$  is defined as 1/3 of the trace of the orthogonalised  $U_{ij}$ .

Atom	x	y	z	$U_{eq}$
H(00A)	8012.63	7768.54	3756.18	28
H(00B)	8477.96	7006.09	5057.56	28
H(00C)	6715.55	7161.56	4347.64	28
H(00D)	10594.01	6543.84	1190.43	35
H(00E)	12185.38	6255.54	2261.98	35
H(00F)	10860.34	6609.39	3454.57	35

## 10. Cartesian Coordinates

**1b<sub>min</sub>**

Atom	x	y	z
C	-15.038.100.939	29.044.368.258	-189.601.034
			-
C	-27.435.818.052	33.607.833.909	22.455.777.594
			-
C	-39.483.644.619	25.473.892.067	19.515.662.397
			-
C	-38.125.147.164	13.217.392.807	10.870.653.103
C	-2.576.252.481	0.8477607128	-0.7641834582
C	-13.509.790.066	15.744.334.641	-1.256.123.951
			-
O	-0.2383080914	10.701.232.635	11.349.367.055
			-
O	-50.459.938.542	28.802.618.984	23.898.102.771
			-
O	-0.4325081838	36.197.832.826	22.979.630.224
			-
C	0.7948298695	36.068.501.912	15.553.350.439
			-
O	-2.818.761.995	44.928.455.524	29.748.998.423
			-
C	-39.449.364.116	53.770.868.513	28.651.658.533
C	-50.842.932.396	0.7028804489	-0.6524457487
C	-23.479.058.148	-0.4412971071	-0.0741639194
C	-14.918.574.954	-0.6393755093	0.9922912281
			-
S	-14.901.899.315	23.122.883.649	14.790.583.114
			-
C	-26.387.026.896	27.639.229.878	0.2294284537
			-
C	-29.935.817.273	16.545.008.209	-0.4902655318
			-
C	-61.044.376.093	0.2791332862	15.684.984.657
C	-72.049.223.768	-0.277954771	-0.9709561582
S	-7.005.242.547	-0.2534301354	0.7742924737
C	-54.365.875.455	0.4948582063	0.6671830293
			-
C	-30.987.181.919	41.484.777.864	0.0647001844
C	-0.6441714635	0.3443262569	17.451.250.838
C	-46.821.095.016	0.8236038157	19.198.924.874
			-
C	-84.101.279.334	-0.8308376157	16.019.459.192
			-
C	-22.860.412.204	52.412.126.554	0.4149864988

C	-27.364.384.881	65.489.214.316	0.2457982109
C	-40.040.023.534	67.944.416.967	-0.2849181614
C	-48.212.553.485	57.179.097.126	-0.6375918169
C	-43.789.617.457	44.094.763.898	-0.4585127408
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C	-9.497.525.022	18.294.484.571	35.387.835.005
C	107.110.847.683	-1.882.857.121	28.493.570.635
C	107.739.515.051	14.136.011.685	15.362.696.475
C	-96.390.531.138	-0.8895972542	-0.9207379426
H	13.074.429.393	45.262.454.292	18.479.294.282
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H	14.008.099.011	27.357.157.635	18.052.892.644
H	-35.747.774.314	63.438.235.029	32.145.844.027
H	-47.760.520.319	50.396.779.586	34.847.652.858
H	-42.810.350.822	54.681.818.263	18.273.184.849
H	-36.745.408.446	16.948.162.683	13.320.383.054
H	-60.198.696.384	0.4167866968	26.389.952.116
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H	-0.5935361254	0.0933615491	2.810.197.747
H	0.3773905385	0.3715086119	13.503.716.398
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H	-41.290.904.004	-0.0453958374	2.297.640.016
H	-1.286.808.125	50.636.277.705	0.803819406
H	-2.090.187.574	73.781.833.972	0.5211265312
H	-4.353.597.776	78.144.288.417	-0.4189620466
H	-58.144.081.268	58.965.178.191	-1.041.203.447
H	-50.354.668.474	35.794.197.657	-0.7027585332
H	-74.148.691.772	-130.864.812	34.579.220.506

H	-9.433.260.732	21.989.061.367	45.588.770.773
H	115.972.021.356	22.882.190.083	33.298.671.541
H	117.126.422.404	14.461.927.739	-0.9895893764
H	-97.106.405.417	-0.5039002113	0.0927701535

**1b<sup>c</sup><sub>min</sub>**

Atom	x	y	z
C	-99.299.507.049	0.8515276913	0.3104560882
C	-9.799.601.403	-0.3774949452	0.9124215544
C	-85.209.763.459	11.240.964.334	0.9064322419
C	-74.118.857.808	-0.5779458306	0.0957963348
C	-76.070.160.456	0.6628158584	-0.6655290947
C	-88.175.122.792	14.819.437.539	-0.4335020165
O	-89.522.350.412	26.308.484.045	-0.8741646675
O	-84.208.107.706	21.557.114.744	15.841.985.308
O	110.936.788.922	150.449.798	0.5131187105
C	116.498.259.109	23.821.995.491	-0.4760374544
O	108.563.504.765	-0.8149636678	16.286.791.853
C	111.488.222.257	22.129.752.161	1.763.784.573
C	-61.783.902.309	12.046.479.283	0.0804706422
C	-66.629.593.781	10.560.956.137	15.956.823.207
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S	-42.585.142.048	11.118.300.076	28.540.863.606
C	-54.129.965.725	24.453.040.538	30.443.010.807
C	-65.787.803.241	22.644.501.367	23.489.638.241
C	-57.906.575.148	24.575.556.717	0.6408409758
C	-45.539.989.842	29.120.006.676	0.2658296033
S	-36.948.611.066	18.146.262.329	-0.8292329373
C	-50.051.265.181	-0.5011870533	-0.6109055868

C	-50.633.409.562	36.042.890.671	38.702.366.783	-
C	-60.527.400.936	-0.9753659416	29.306.112.916	-
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C	-37.285.484.284	38.699.153.094	42.291.944.909	-
C	-34.046.678.488	4.980.131.529	50.052.137.651	-
C	-44.063.903.743	58.480.317.862	54.425.828.793	-
C	-57.373.742.475	55.947.414.109	50.989.277.141	-
C	-60.643.301.434	44.865.669.309	-4.324.762.396	-
C	-28.748.098.053	47.395.830.213	-0.0657504085	-
C	-23.023.168.947	59.496.611.372	0.31826395	-
C	-27.727.373.786	-6.622.539.203	144.710.653	-
C	-38.204.467.474	-6.073.475.399	21.917.603.375	-
C	-43.946.850.654	48.651.238.686	1.811.176.367	-
H	127.163.469.673	24.242.945.433	-0.2398004384	-
H	112.059.646.404	33.761.983.243	-0.4214991621	-
H	115.155.880.529	19.829.136.198	14.861.451.645	-
H	122.161.054.717	22.508.135.592	1.997.579.188	-
H	109.603.648.518	27.534.757.167	0.8310202284	-
H	105.649.357.469	26.660.430.441	25.647.769.676	-
H	-73.588.158.484	3.009.088.532	-2.293.621.331	-
H	-64.712.608.811	30.250.282.302	1.257.319.064	-
H	-64.606.368.872	-0.4738728787	-3.811.894.655	-
H	-52.528.952.309	16.476.443.136	32.485.045.908	-
H	-6.847.086.337	15.686.491.901	24.689.963.013	-
H	-35.442.681.451	10.413.373.784	-0.0650127334	-
H	-51.748.138.542	1.324.813.868	0.5811907574	-
H	-41.422.081.556	0.072605523	12.983.075.582	-
H	-29.361.711.056	32.120.130.099	38.834.124.641	-



H	-23.668.667.817	51.683.555.181	52.657.902.009	-
H	-41.538.675.912	67.131.852.382	60.493.101.268	-
H	-65.249.446.414	62.601.097.232	54.417.028.366	-
H	-71.037.113.941	42.901.508.559	40.828.642.511	-
H	-25.090.918.657	42.347.535.409	-0.9555257965	-
H	-14.888.083.156	63.684.425.302	-0.267557469	-
H	-23.244.309.932	-7.565.426.226	17.477.322.014	-
H	-41.865.885.379	65.853.613.407	30.773.895.157	-
H	-51.923.066.729	44.376.896.015	24.099.693.386	-

### 13<sub>min</sub>

Atom	x	y	z
C	-85.237.231.944	1.845.144.961	4.174.231.402
C	-77.780.346.415	21.896.299.724	30.908.716.649
N	-81.506.540.571	32.977.214.779	23.413.124.614
C	-92.539.323.754	41.020.512.402	25.944.422.176
C	100.454.531.568	38.176.506.418	36.625.142.974
C	-9.747.192.847	26.479.033.066	45.879.731.578
C	-9.415.863.433	52.244.436.921	15.961.905.634
C	-65.410.991.917	1.501.336.992	25.620.059.942
C	-8.253.060.874	0.7006881917	50.554.962.711
O	-89.462.185.064	0.4373808372	60.250.694.453
O	-71.639.854.711	-0.0488835437	47.130.180.859
C	-6.876.094.058	11.777.251.462	55.675.284.158
C	-76.910.744.956	24.020.238.852	51.756.083.409
C	112.434.406.052	45.749.946.065	405.108.193
O	119.165.696.212	42.868.234.045	50.276.924.427
O	115.502.309.254	56.304.935.087	32.401.975.122
C	127.236.746.206	63.906.951.862	36.039.063.711
C	139.950.325.138	57.583.863.983	30.559.912.087

H	-7.581.787.103	35.280.268.013	15.418.089.482
H	-96.261.083.171	30.085.798.553	56.184.256.901
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H	106.227.808.678	19.880.074.937	46.474.682.686
H	-93.976.144.385	61.983.642.242	20.902.560.898
H	-86.127.758.779	51.992.431.914	0.8509081237
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H	103.731.392.482	5.154.501.943	10.747.795.022
H	-67.516.544.558	0.4651798938	22.875.529.625
H	-61.560.348.187	2.022.458.262	16.780.265.618
H	-57.517.854.132	14.720.828.541	33.163.175.257
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H	-58.050.166.589	13.528.033.513	54.324.532.253
H	-70.691.217.244	-0.894450874	66.049.045.887
	-		
H	-73.940.140.343	32.602.539.391	57.898.445.528
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H	-87.569.772.832	22.181.141.287	53.341.221.523
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H	-75.271.645.494	26.598.050.961	41.236.787.681
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H	125.512.293.378	73.790.101.728	31.684.226.409
	-		
H	127.663.967.788	64.766.248.819	469.220.384
	-		
H	148.569.275.142	63.971.248.661	32.823.519.076
	-		
H	141.626.825.298	47.796.413.135	35.133.195.294
	-		
H	139.338.937.304	56.372.314.043	19.690.364.998

# **1b<sup>o</sup><sub>ADJ</sub>**

Atom	x	y	z
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C	0.80407314	349.775.721	-15.058.936
	-		-
C	207.115.394	392.368.047	179.993.078
	-		-
C	322.183.471	299.959.576	164.907.763
	-		-
C	297.730.862	160.333.084	113.558.157
	-		-
C	-17.214.937	118.960.893	0.82168213
	-		-
C	0.56292178	214.493.641	0.95931445
	-		-
O	0.5663618	180.110.869	0.61935797

	-	-	-
O	436.514.137	335.173.676	192.783.693
	-	-	-
O	0.20629407	438.781.774	158.489.269
	-	-	-
C	147.873.499	397.970.545	212.489.828
	-	-	-
O	223.091.921	521.771.558	213.226.349
	-	-	-
C	328.437.918	566.789.326	-30.035.809
	-	-	-
C	418.515.763	0.75676409	0.98184586
	-	-	-
C	140.187.753	0.20360185	0.42931895
	-	-	-
C	0.70252086	0.58842619	0.69755785
	-	-	-
S	0.52539417	232.353.261	0.74765049
	-	-	-
C	137.936.463	253.891.817	0.77136128
	-	-	-
C	177.984.733	131.898.097	124.905.733
	-	-	-
C	502.004.666	0.36654462	-20.800.463
	-	-	-
C	607.039.379	0.44389611	172.961.582
	-	-	-
S	606.654.767	0.69825946	0.0080325
	-	-	-
C	463.006.119	0.26218373	0.22656528
	-	-	-
C	159.246.256	386.514.017	136.250.269
C	-0.1377374	0.23915978	181.482.925
	-	-	-
C	406.647.122	0.45741426	160.179.287
	-	-	-
C	709.883.527	104.369.635	258.867.137
	-	-	-
C	0.70309215	492.966.732	-11.307.708
	-	-	-
C	0.91739511	618.006.397	170.760.516
	-	-	-
C	201.974.625	639.542.017	253.634.967
	-	-	-
C	291.298.897	534.768.885	-27.740.735
	-	-	-
C	-27.087.162	409.958.779	218.898.606
	-	-	-
C	738.860.876	0.48460937	384.860.303

	-	-	-
C	835.602.061	105.280.301	467.499.182
	-	-	-
C	906.622.802	218.367.539	426.392.498
	-	-	-
C	879.234.545	274.425.729	301.557.798
	-	-	-
C	781.825.994	218.515.259	219.041.541
	-	-	-
H	189.667.285	488.326.595	257.674.943
	-	-	-
H	213.515.316	361.711.466	133.176.829
	-	-	-
H	135.335.041	320.456.288	288.416.443
	-	-	-
H	294.462.863	664.603.825	335.324.252
	-	-	-
H	341.559.768	499.315.309	385.144.501
	-	-	-
H	422.533.101	577.046.671	245.971.095
	-	-	-
H	229.914.087	119.545.317	219.202.403
	-	-	-
H	481.479.699	0.65910474	310.343.234
	-	-	-
H	0.65281113	12.013.264	188.001.197
	-	-	-
H	0.24486959	0.26788919	278.022.455
H	0.92429182	0.45131419	165.284.401
	-	-	-
H	342.276.962	134.128.186	162.559.577
	-	-	-
H	486.032.038	0.59726936	23.436.296
	-	-	-
H	346.136.973	0.40244361	191.524.765
	-	-	-
H	0.1722729	477.009.915	0.50667087
	-	-	-
H	0.21505712	698.653.238	151.387.702
	-	-	-
H	218.573.254	737.047.608	298.603.605
	-	-	-
H	378.573.943	550.778.751	340.211.729
	-	-	-
H	343.233.254	330.457.678	234.440.606
	-	-	-
H	685.948.501	0.40494442	417.549.138
	-	-	-
H	856.675.645	0.59878704	-56.401.158

H	982.593.525	261.927.032	490.707.675
H	933.387.407	362.568.899	268.231.005
H	760.258.714	264.831.274	123.120.406

**1b<sup>c</sup><sub>ADJ</sub>**

Atom	x	y	z
C	-907.836.258	112.179.091	0.17998013
C	-924.726.447	0.12554757	0.73611198
C	-815.290.185	113.762.943	0.69431059
C	-694.523.697	0.80714238	0.08928182
C	-681.491.236	0.51212176	0.72062855
C	-779.981.716	156.271.355	0.39190023
O	-760.456.436	277.328.926	0.59725088
O	-828.416.733	220.368.065	130.995.158
O	1.007.239.579	203.590.213	0.34045185
C	1.058.567.529	263.598.508	0.85540958
O	1.041.569.911	0.33691453	13.524.679
C	1.081.948.342	157.197.172	196.805.019
C	-590.794.071	172.138.538	0.19599324
C	-579.357.693	0.75600729	161.673.319
C	-493.130.236	-0.4216981	-20.809.625
S	-344.228.685	0.34925571	290.484.382
C	-423.119.303	193.936.034	293.689.147
C	-540.923.105	197.989.552	224.007.228
C	-584.738.595	308.113.521	0.22444285
C	-475.985.164	378.697.737	0.22381751

		-	-
S	-365.035.195	283.206.065	121.713.654
		-	-
C	-459.226.653	126.455.115	-0.8373204
		-	-
C	-360.215.613	305.280.399	365.222.264
		-	-
C	-570.017.456	120.381.636	317.548.716
		-	-
C	-377.246.005	0.49734521	0.23249255
C	-447.822.781	-52.011.553	0.03734703
		-	-
C	-223.998.303	301.838.564	400.493.006
		-	-
C	-164.946.124	408.484.218	467.827.892
		-	-
C	-240.654.289	520.751.804	501.701.297
		-	-
C	-376.183.993	525.442.011	467.827.806
		-	-
C	-435.486.172	419.087.662	400.629.632
		-	-
C	-36.131.599	593.889.001	0.79250987
		-	-
C	-336.095.349	728.509.037	0.54132164
C	-396.325.993	-79.214.929	0.54553596
		-	-
C	-481.979.987	720.023.733	138.193.985
		-	-
C	-507.446.994	585.533.758	113.410.649
		-	-
H	1.136.975.463	332.072.638	0.52664653
		-	-
H	-980.766.858	318.808.191	138.854.447
		-	-
H	1.102.407.398	18.720.126	151.003.744
		-	-
H	1.186.766.634	140.505.111	222.473.308
		-	-
H	1.072.259.874	242.219.114	129.185.023
		-	-
H	1.022.808.837	174.851.473	286.923.586
		-	-
H	-598.144.904	288.418.513	209.069.091
		-	-
H	-664.793.646	352.937.683	0.79279585
		-	-
H	-596.104.963	0.52242689	-39.891.812
		-	-
H	-509.090.056	-20.149.577	358.014.319

H	-662.284.986	162.758.443	276.815.284
H	-279.703.169	0.20208691	0.16000492
H	-430.955.962	0.40000828	0.55251205
H	-362.234.795	114.084.185	110.288.635
H	-163.453.439	215.743.499	373.562.874
H	-0.59520121	403.886.562	493.651.851
H	-194.638.749	603.843.238	554.438.435
H	-436.093.433	612.042.707	494.586.719
H	-541.306.769	423.028.094	376.914.255
H	-31.507.692	545.957.671	-16.508.906
H	-269.511.505	783.846.986	119.756.157
H	-376.409.642	897.116.423	0.74266624
H	-528.469.006	768.558.584	223.549.721
H	-572.164.005	529.867.693	180.416.326

### 13<sub>ADJ</sub> (1b<sup>o</sup><sub>ADJ</sub>)

Atom	x	y	z
C	332.523.653	112.640.897	595.218.231
C	373.679.825	0.05903205	647.753.197
N	281.185.753	109.658.568	655.723.204
C	163.430.425	114.346.965	581.132.136
C	117.258.628	0.01880182	527.598.399
C	185.112.604	132.838.022	564.276.888
C	-10.575.818	-25.313.566	569.928.861
C	509.435.731	0.43450916	701.053.062

	-	-	-
C	416.649.765	231.097.563	572.761.441
	-	-	-
O	369.721.778	341.967.111	552.139.705
	-	-	-
O	551.085.145	207.932.769	572.213.859
	-	-	-
C	635.699.566	322.903.665	546.312.813
	-	-	-
C	657.820.609	406.611.306	671.398.715
	-	-	-
C	0.01163158	0.15642699	438.089.312
	-	-	-
O	0.40416624	12.458.593	401.017.209
	-	-	-
O	0.54063086	101.253.475	397.261.373
	-	-	-
C	164.752.222	0.91976797	-30.400.643
	-	-	-
C	29.672.539	0.68045628	375.832.946
	-	-	-
H	-31.534.672	197.763.282	691.418.331
	-	-	-
H	-17.346.154	204.255.236	482.634.193
	-	-	-
H	134.154.586	179.646.156	650.158.122
	-	-	-
H	133.390.529	312.336.261	658.073.629
	-	-	-
H	0.02650442	250.818.585	561.705.431
	-	-	-
H	-14.418.571	304.882.361	-4.811.661
	-	-	-
H	-56.832.203	0.96469009	625.179.527
	-	-	-
H	566.121.351	0.44195252	731.506.027
	-	-	-
H	498.097.224	110.063.647	-78.751.919
	-	-	-
H	729.266.496	279.159.863	-51.058.124
	-	-	-
H	590.865.325	381.569.159	465.878.746
	-	-	-
H	727.893.207	488.016.367	649.451.136
	-	-	-
H	563.755.246	450.516.034	705.620.158
	-	-	-
H	700.271.806	345.970.049	752.163.472
	-	-	-
H	16.386.812	188.577.485	-25.295.147



H	143.568.847	0.13009585	231.640.933
H	378.975.454	0.69125868	303.358.868
H	296.323.201	0.29197779	425.811.232
H	315.701.375	146.136.803	450.294.775

### 13<sub>ADJ</sub> (1b<sup>c</sup><sub>ADJ</sub>)

Atom	x	y	z
C	-858.894.485	177.736.855	414.837.596
C	-781.522.972	215.470.864	309.330.355
N	-823.806.398	319.812.407	228.353.399
C	-93.690.116	397.307.762	250.985.741
C	1.016.354.515	368.846.977	35.762.785
C	-993.018.507	244.137.926	441.715.315
C	-951.506.933	507.879.554	149.463.994
C	-647.450.968	159.199.649	268.090.001
C	-827.513.523	0.68962655	508.256.571
O	-901.981.727	0.35654175	599.322.778
O	-70.948.059	0.04373206	483.870.319
C	-680.436.919	109.732.804	567.294.204
C	-753.608.305	233.409.362	517.005.536
C	1.133.692.055	446.333.645	400.078.054
O	1.211.088.197	407.149.093	486.119.307
O	1.148.566.381	568.040.598	339.311.403
C	1.263.070.463	645.674.499	38.033.826
C	-138.897.768	604.920.765	304.968.868
H	-778.842.975	330.174.612	138.307.863
H	1.001.029.288	269.037.575	548.164.277
H	1.074.693.359	172.189.025	425.109.012
H	-897.268.742	597.763.854	181.646.125
H	-909.516.158	475.374.795	0.53494787
H	-105.559.387	535.855.672	135.538.856
H	-651.160.781	0.50857605	255.757.661
H	-614.059.746	204.670.668	174.160.888

H	-571.780.764	179.506.668	34.454.252
	-		
H	-571.968.373	121.904.003	55.992.159
H	-707.021.525	-0.8699352	670.874.972
	-		
H	-71.935.725	322.436.714	571.111.588
	-		
H	-86.129.623	223.066.138	533.041.365
	-		
H	-735.052.991	248.177.418	410.031.823
	-		
H	1.235.048.877	749.065.827	35.801.003
H	-127.681.889	634.311.073	488.186.614
	-		
H	1.472.403.035	670.316.463	333.093.045
	-		
H	1.416.331.016	501.899.827	329.486.782
	-		
H	1.374.128.279	612.931.826	196.651.967

**(1b<sup>o</sup><sub>min</sub>-13<sub>min</sub>)<sub>ADJ</sub>**

Atom	x	y	z
			-
C	-0.8040730809	34.977.569.396	15.058.934.855
	-		-
C	20.711.537.808	39.236.801.652	17.999.306.454
	-		-
C	32.218.344.697	29.995.955.349	16.490.775.014
	-		-
C	29.773.083.957	16.033.307.134	11.355.814.853
	-		
C	17.214.935.722	11.896.088.458	-0.8216820681
C	-0.5629217323	21.449.362.409	-0.9593143737
O	0.5663617609	18.011.085.546	-0.6193579244
	-		-
O	43.651.410.342	33.517.365.036	19.278.367.776
	-		-
O	0.2062940576	43.878.173.992	15.848.925.724
	-		-
C	1.478.734.882	39.797.051.467	21.248.981.172
	-		-
O	-223.091.904	52.177.151.798	21.322.633.273
	-		-
C	32.843.789.287	56.678.928.214	30.035.806.748
	-		
C	41.851.573.121	0.7567640295	-0.9818457857

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C	14.018.774.251	-0.2036018311	-0.4293189171
C	-0.7025208105	-0.5884261487	0.6975577944
	-		
S	-0.5253941271	23.235.324.344	0.7476504392
	-		
C	13.793.645.274	25.389.179.782	-0.7713612234
	-		
C	17.798.471.965	13.189.808.687	12.490.572.345
	-		
C	50.200.462.738	0.3665445912	20.800.461.481
	-		
C	60.703.933.248	-0.4438960709	17.296.156.837
	-		
S	60.665.472.163	-0.6982593997	0.0080324951
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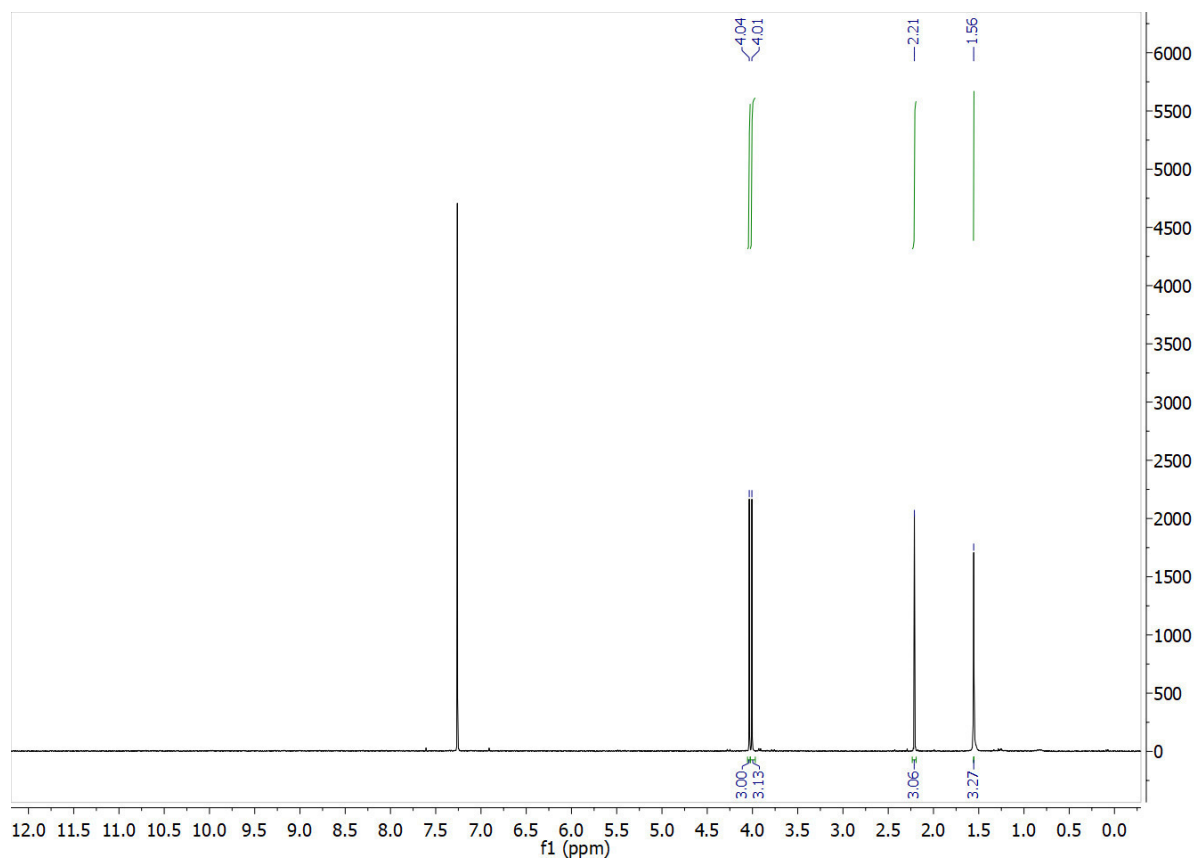
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## A.II.2. Synthesis and Characterization of Generation II Coenzyme Q Switches

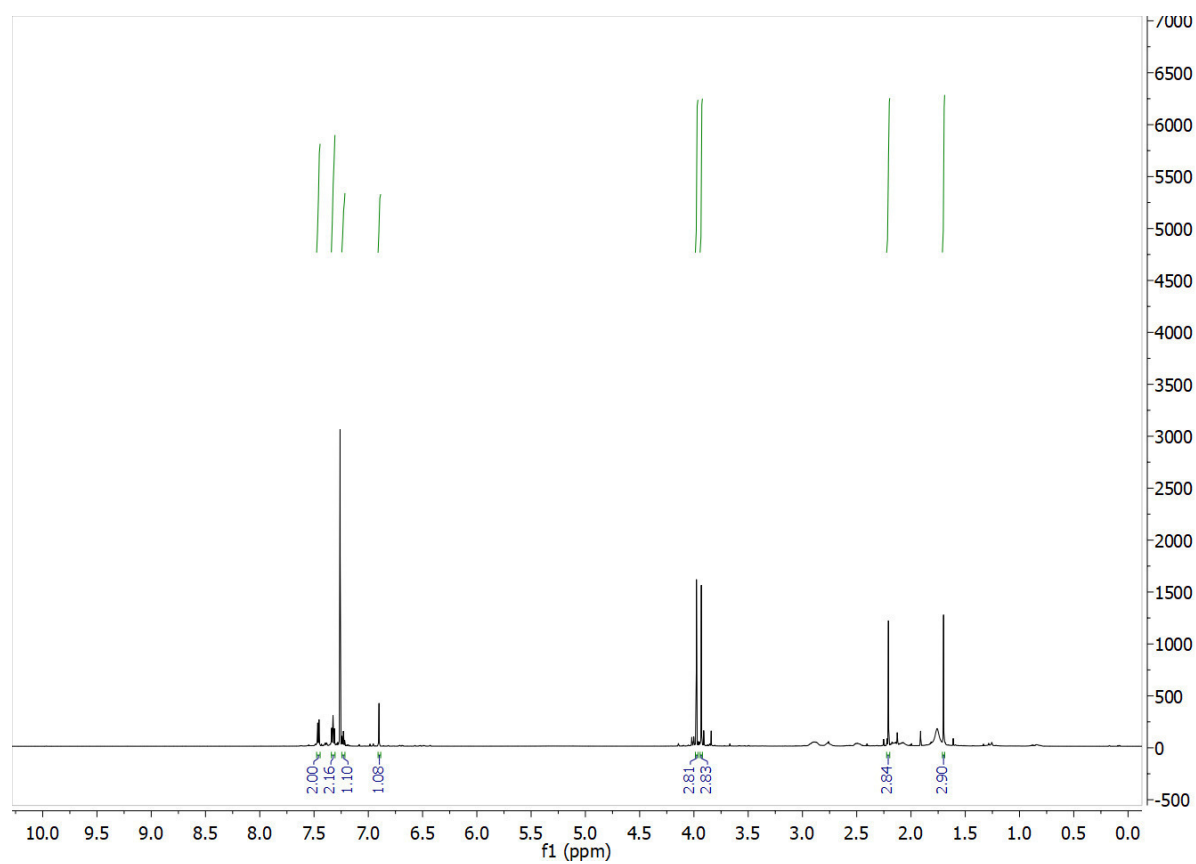
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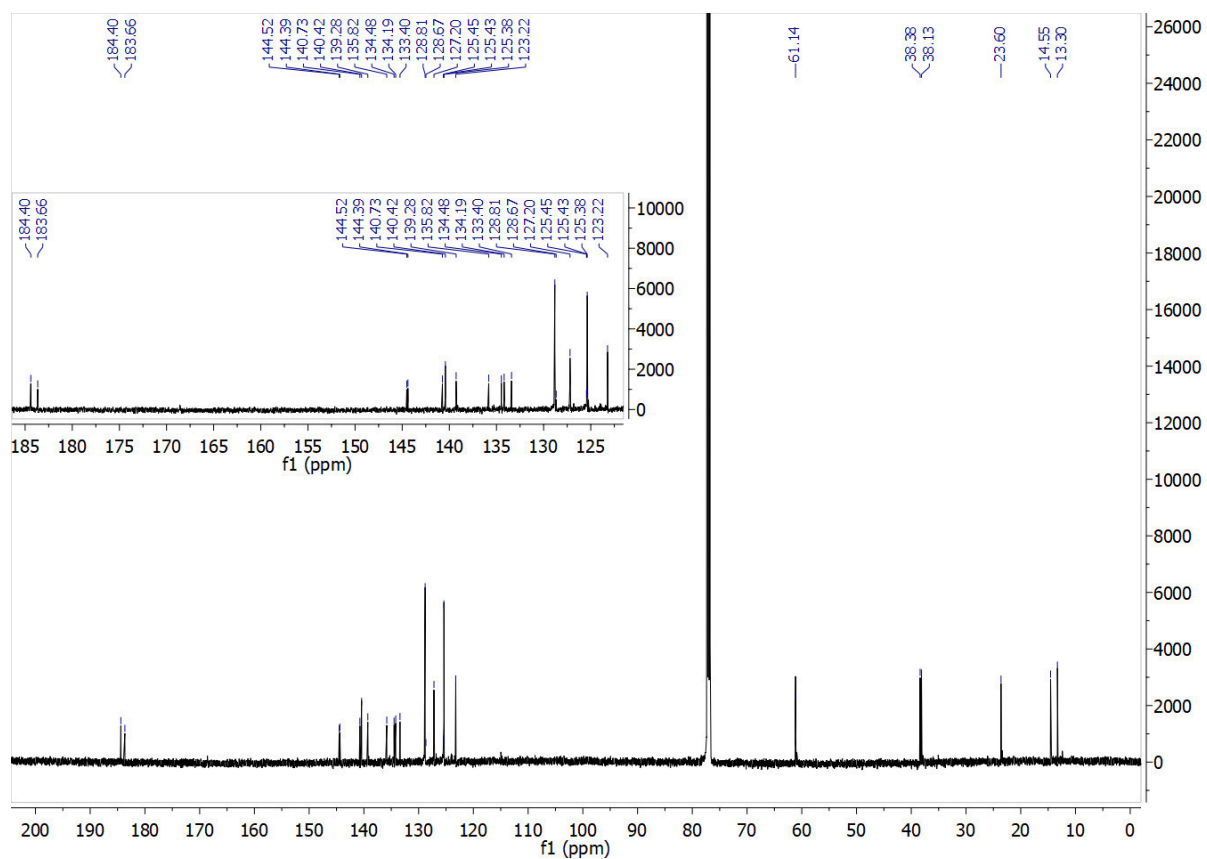


Compound **8a**

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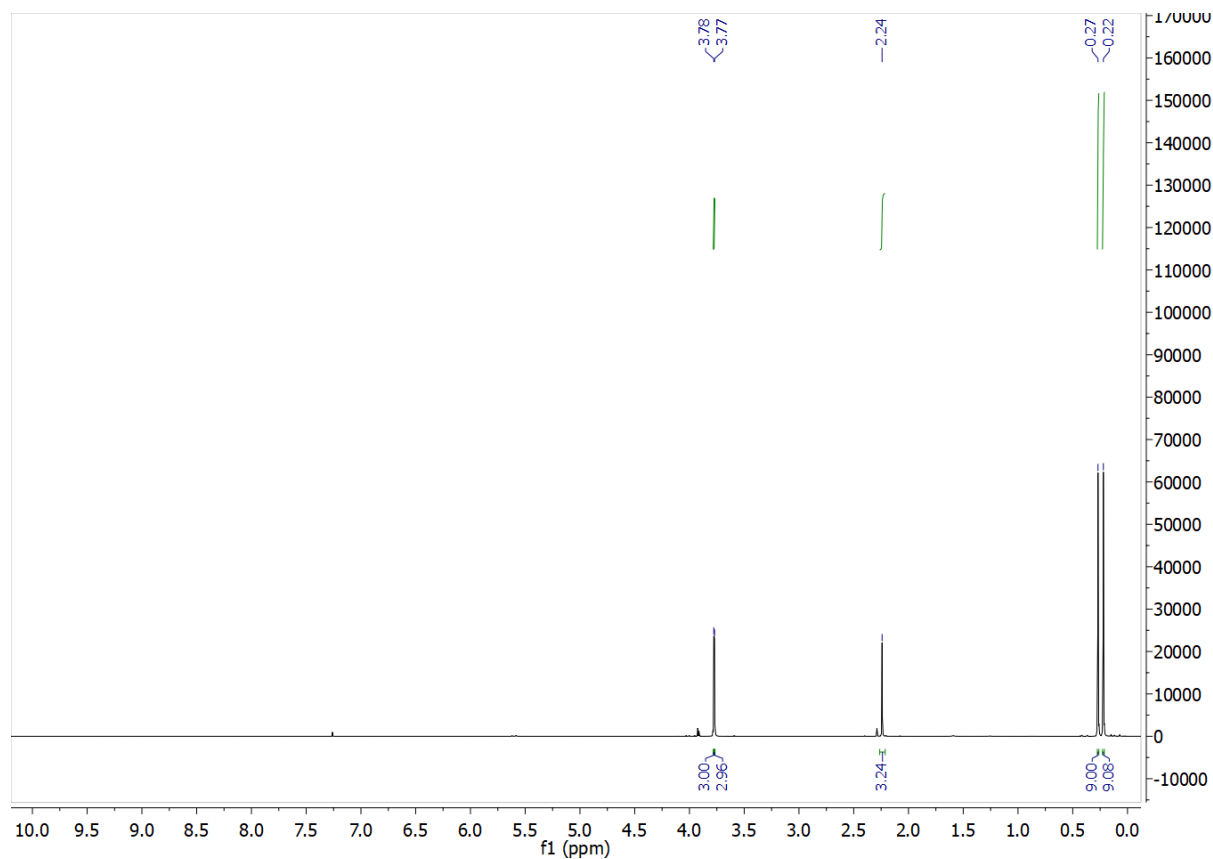


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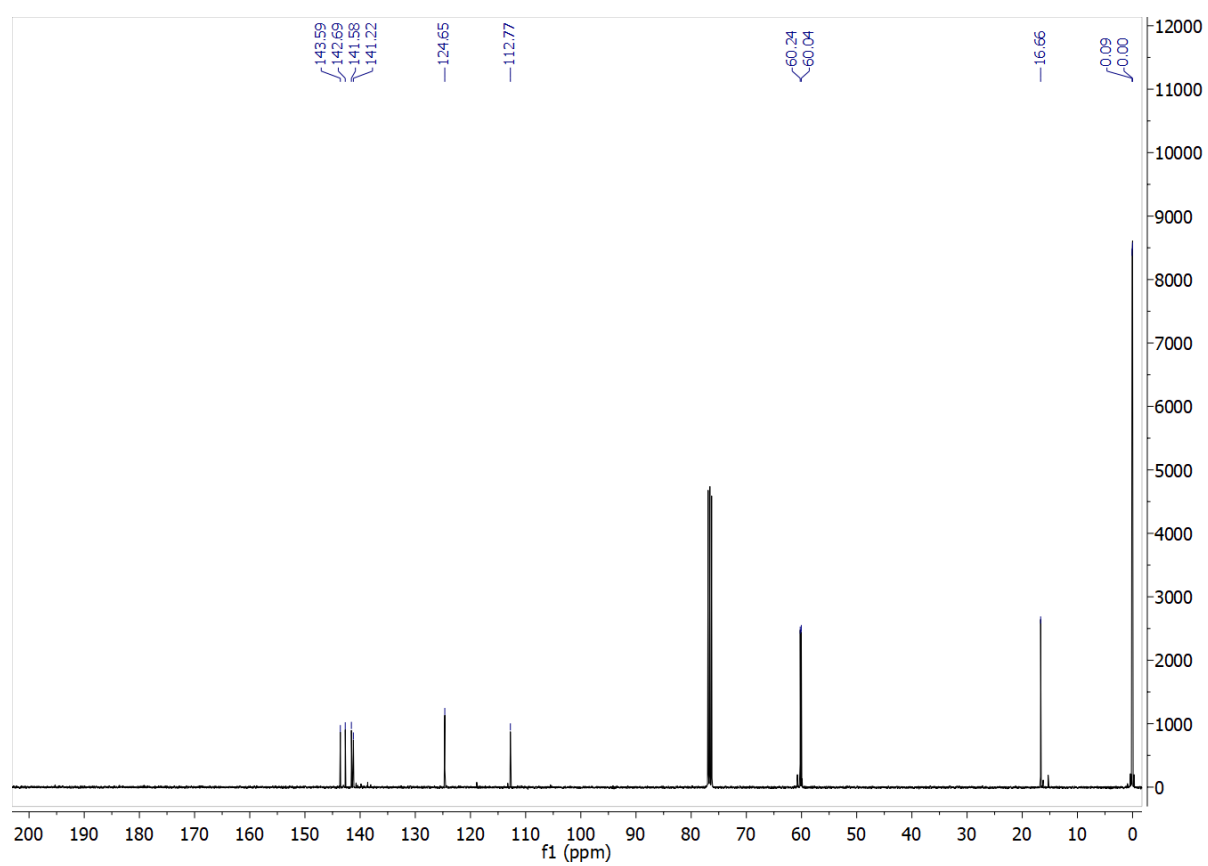


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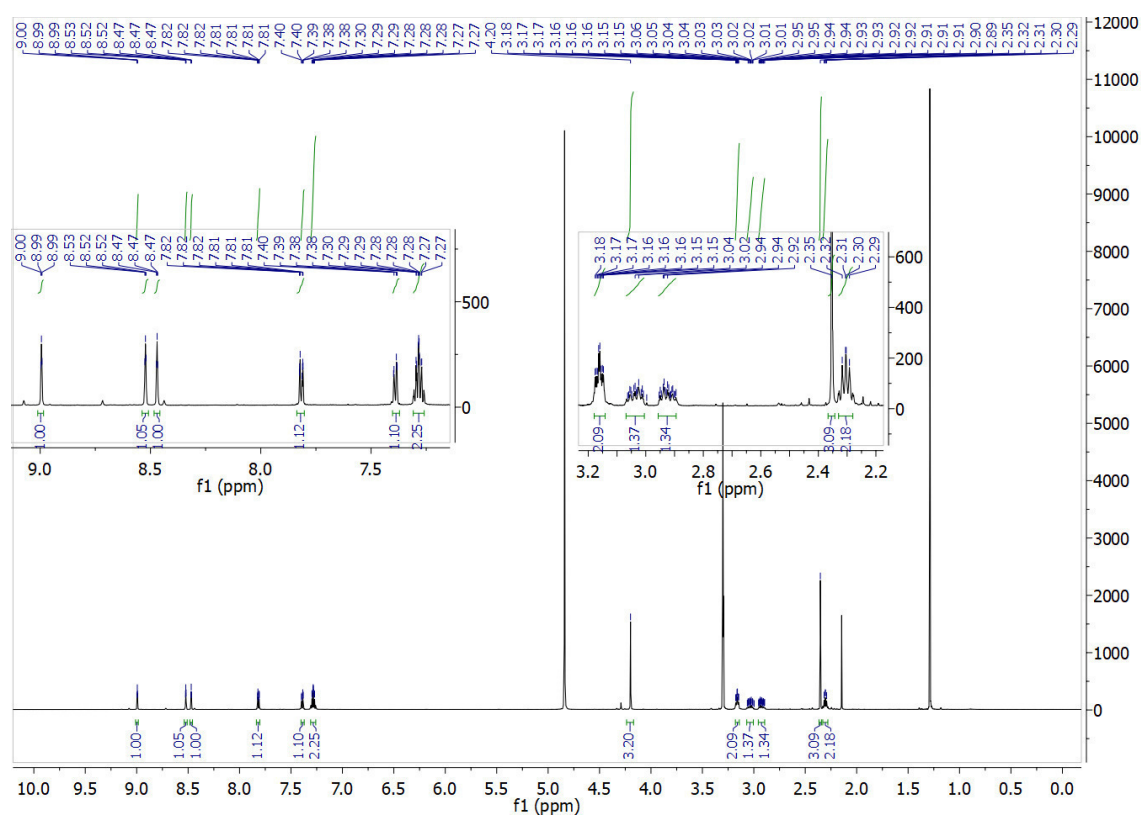
### A.II.3. Towards Photocontrollable NAD<sup>+</sup> Analogues

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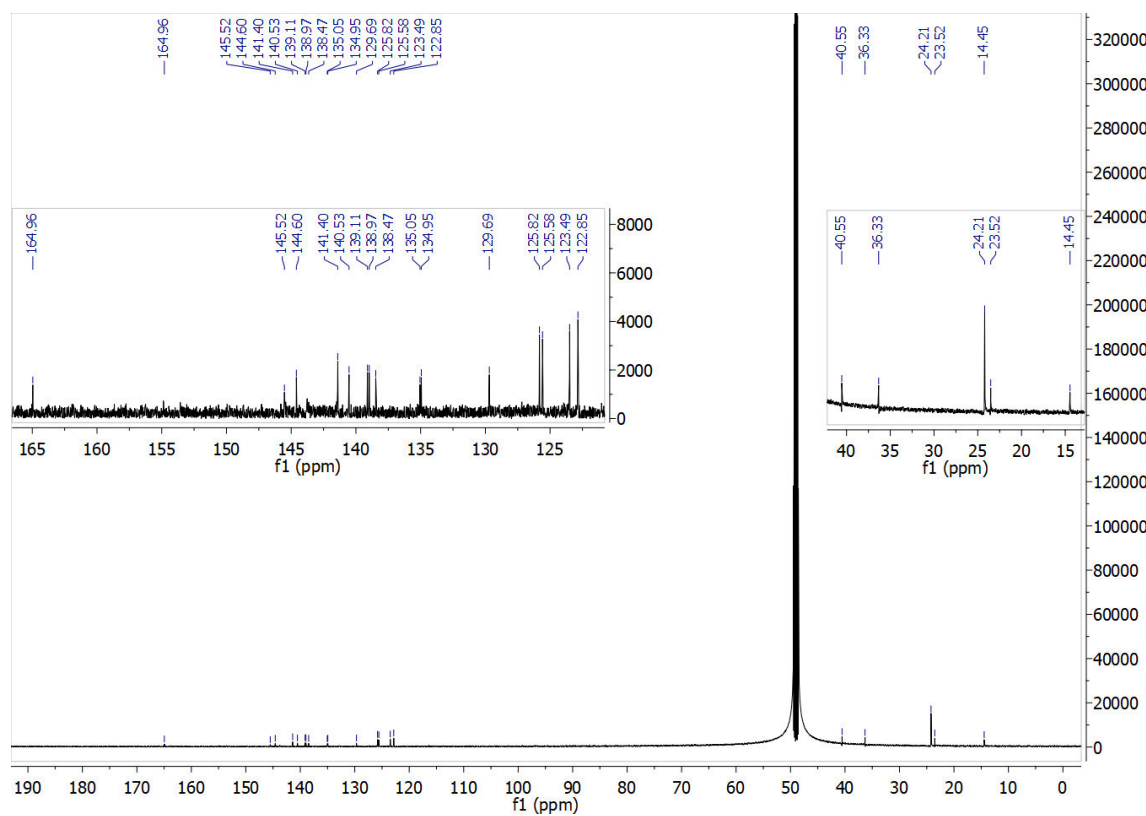
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# 1. NMR

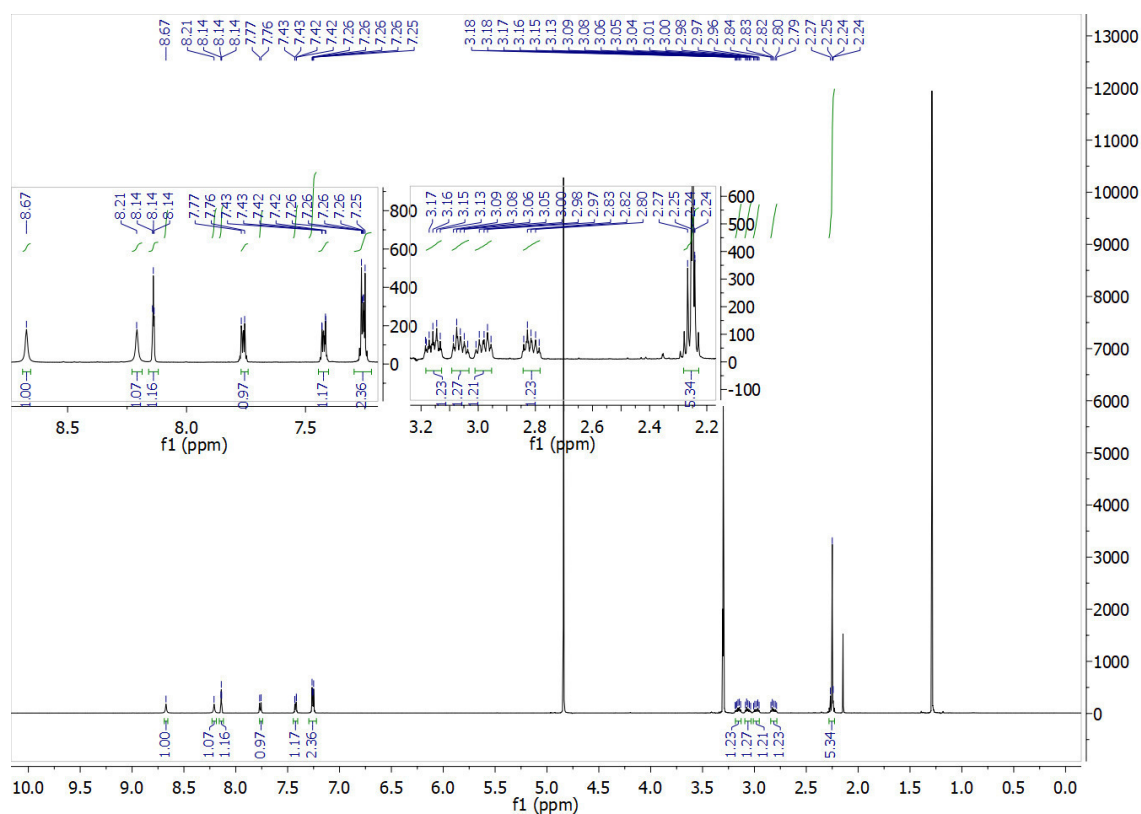
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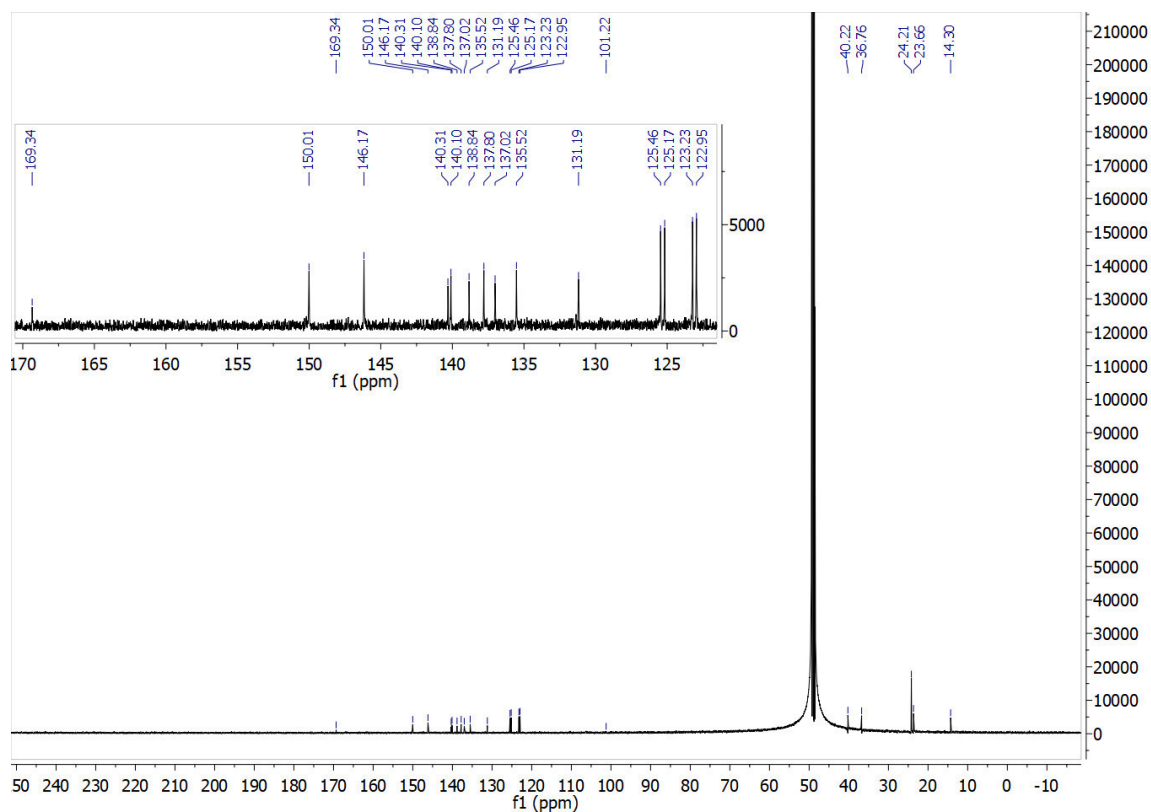
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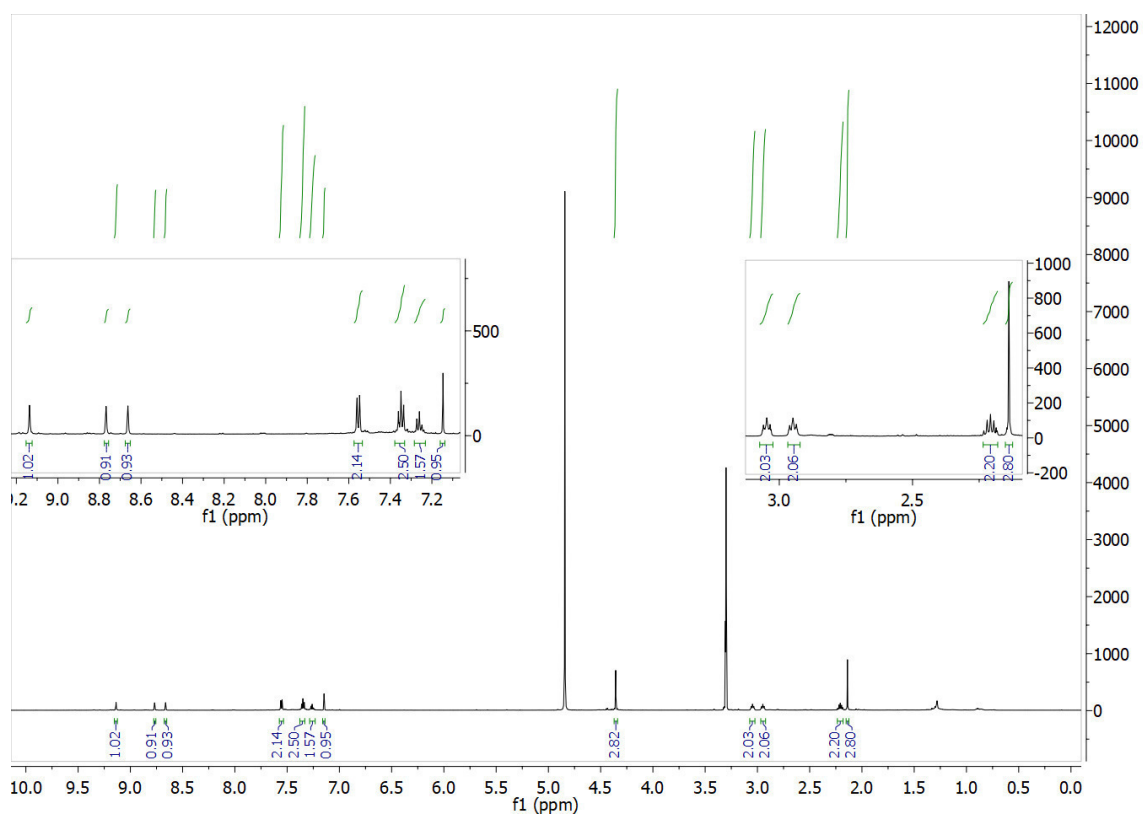


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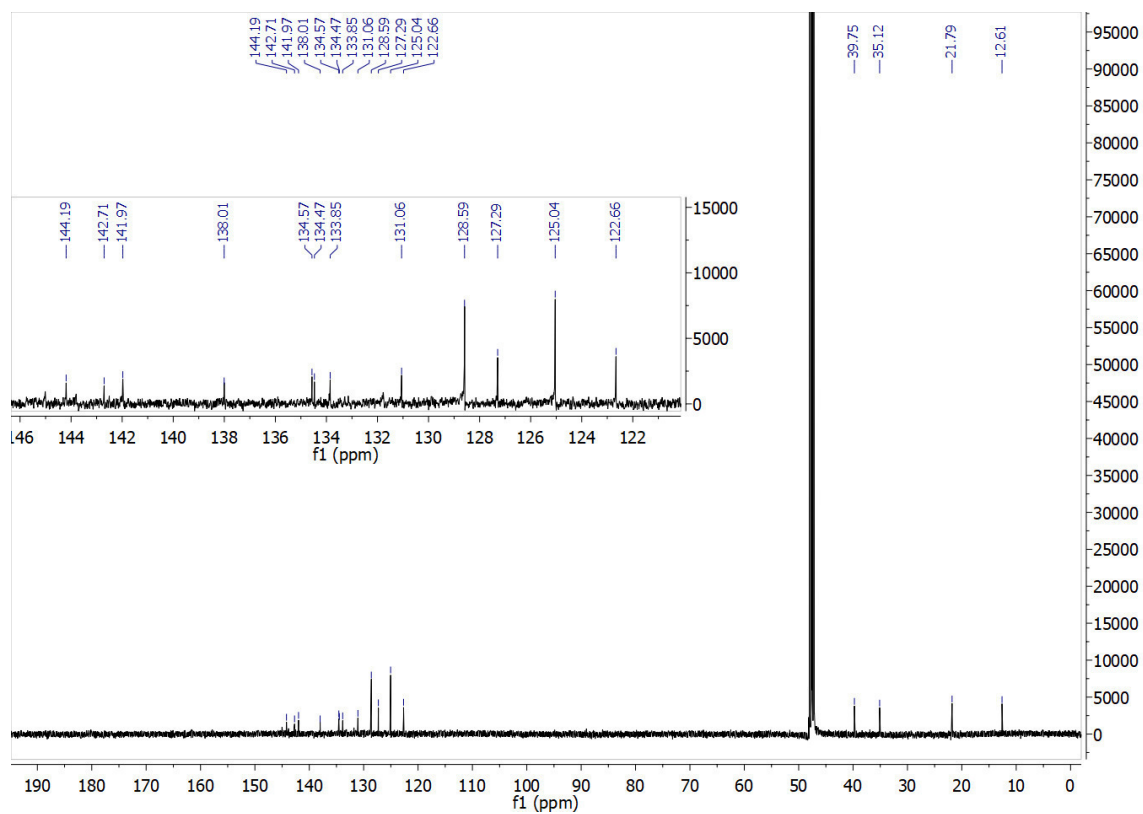




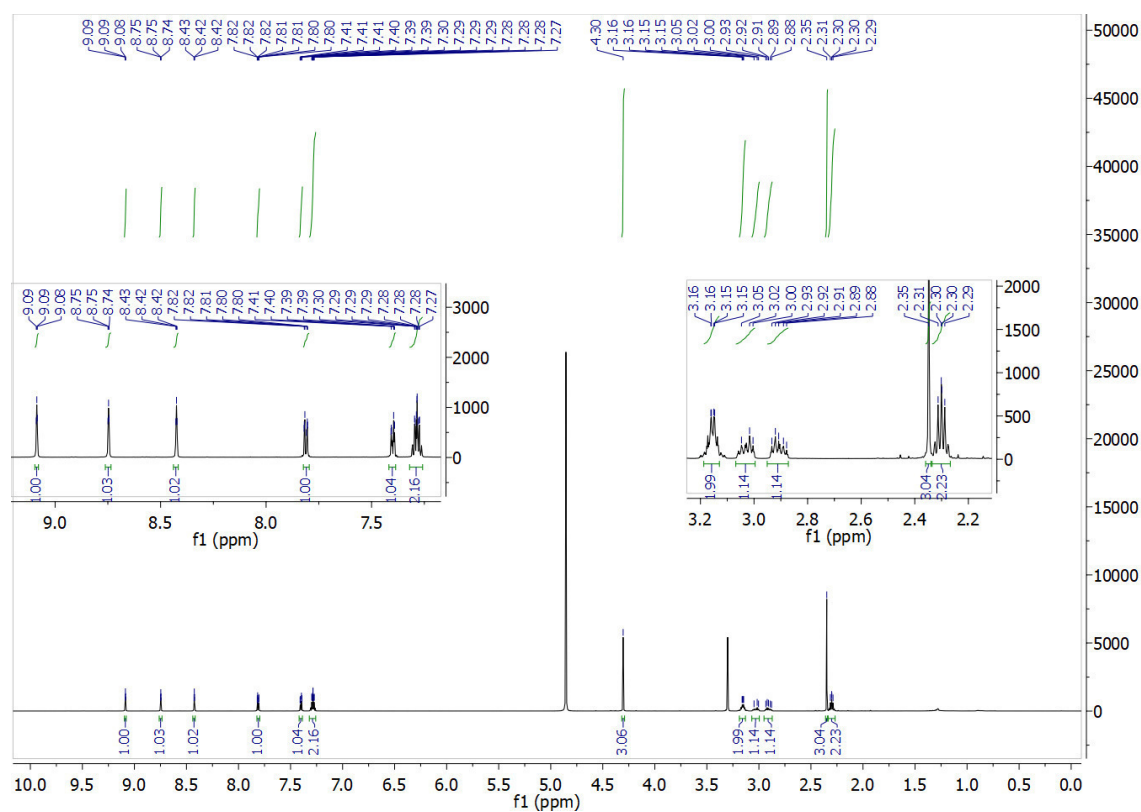
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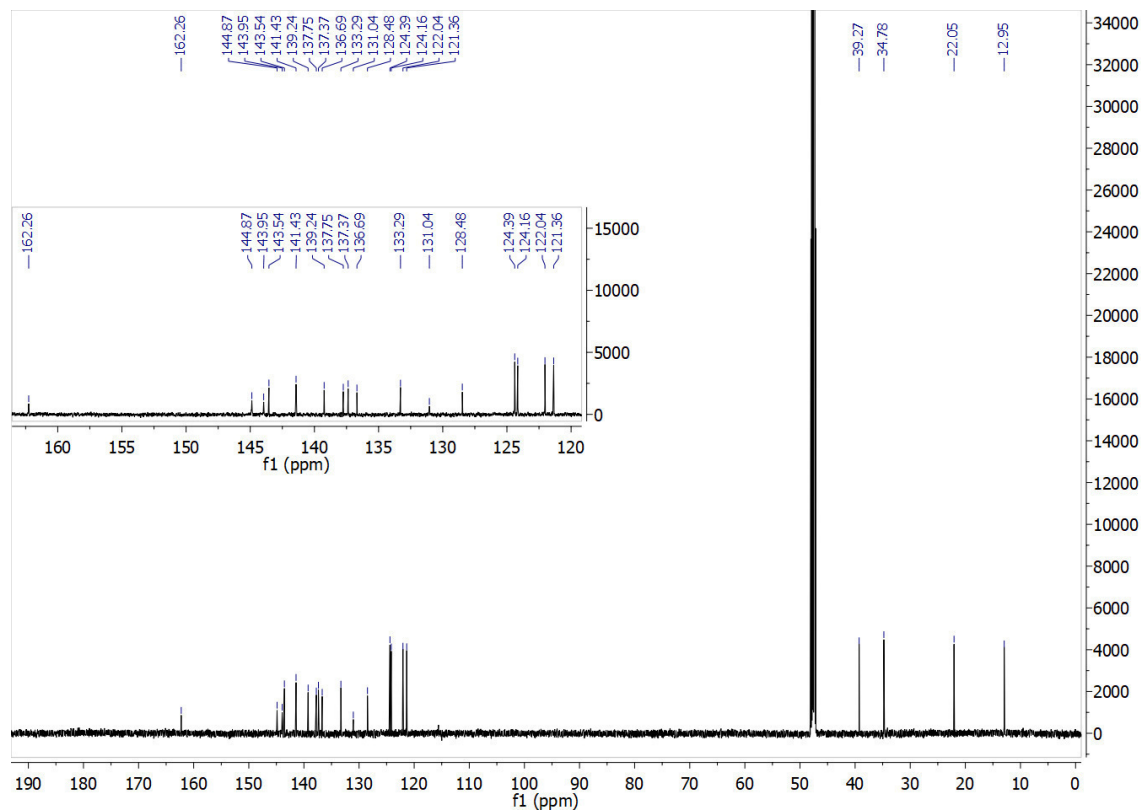
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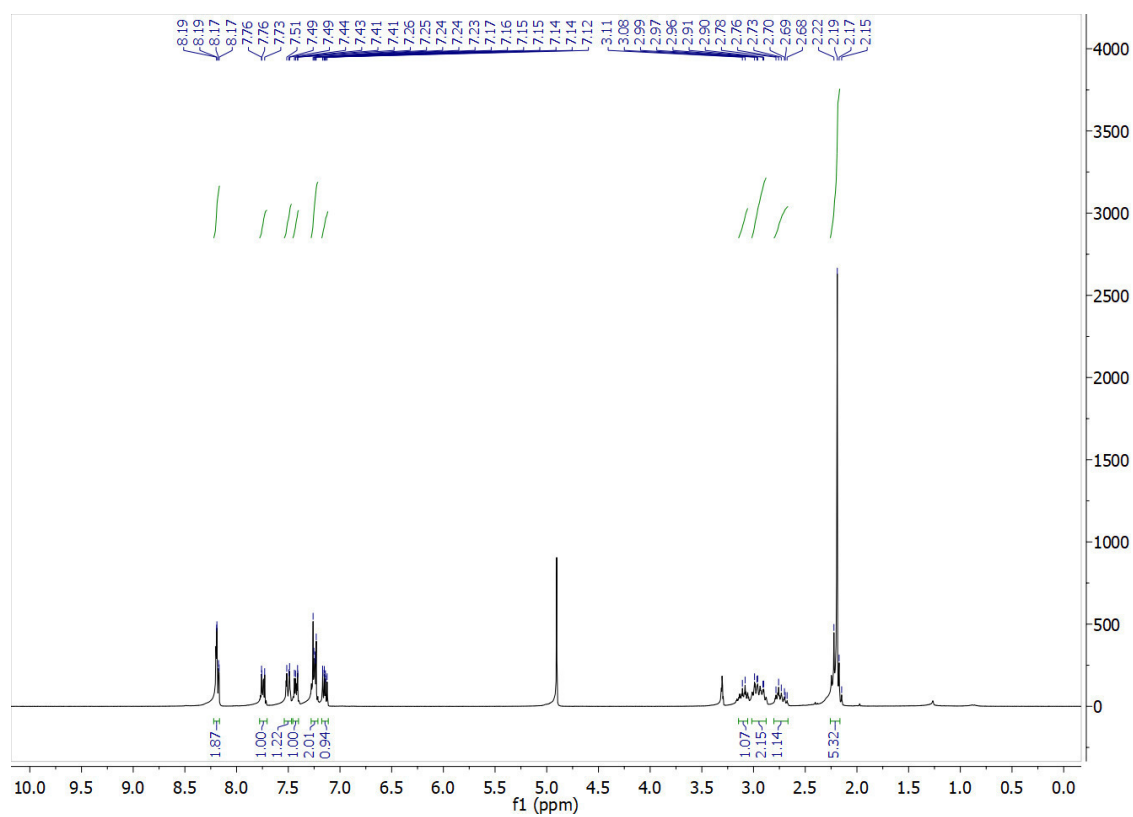
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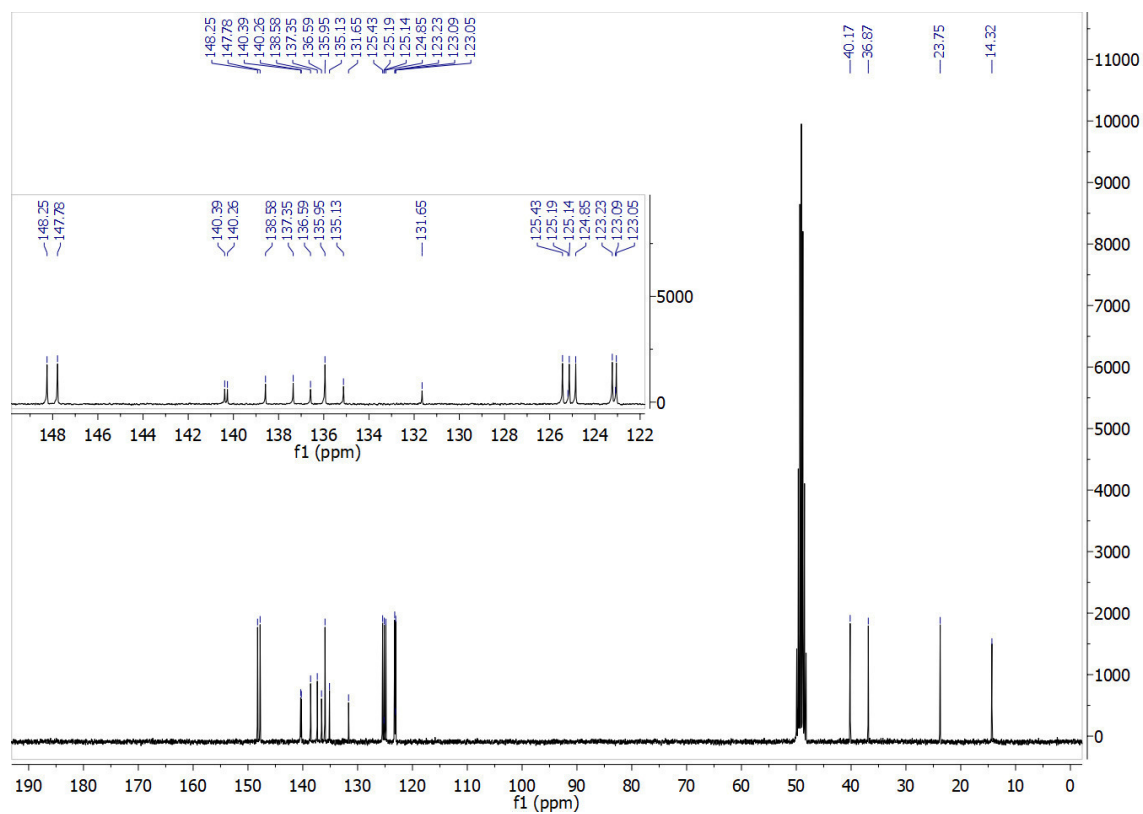
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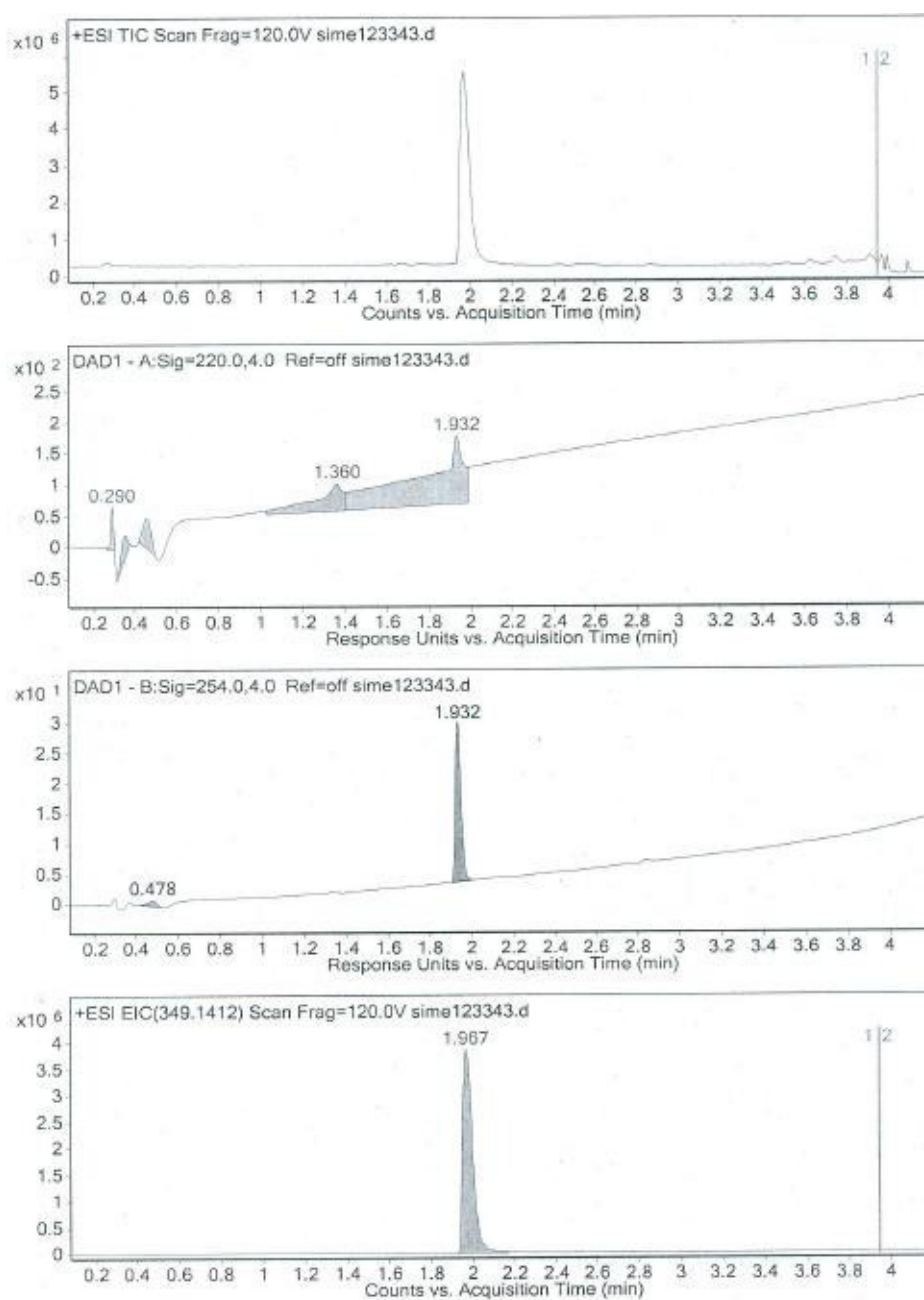


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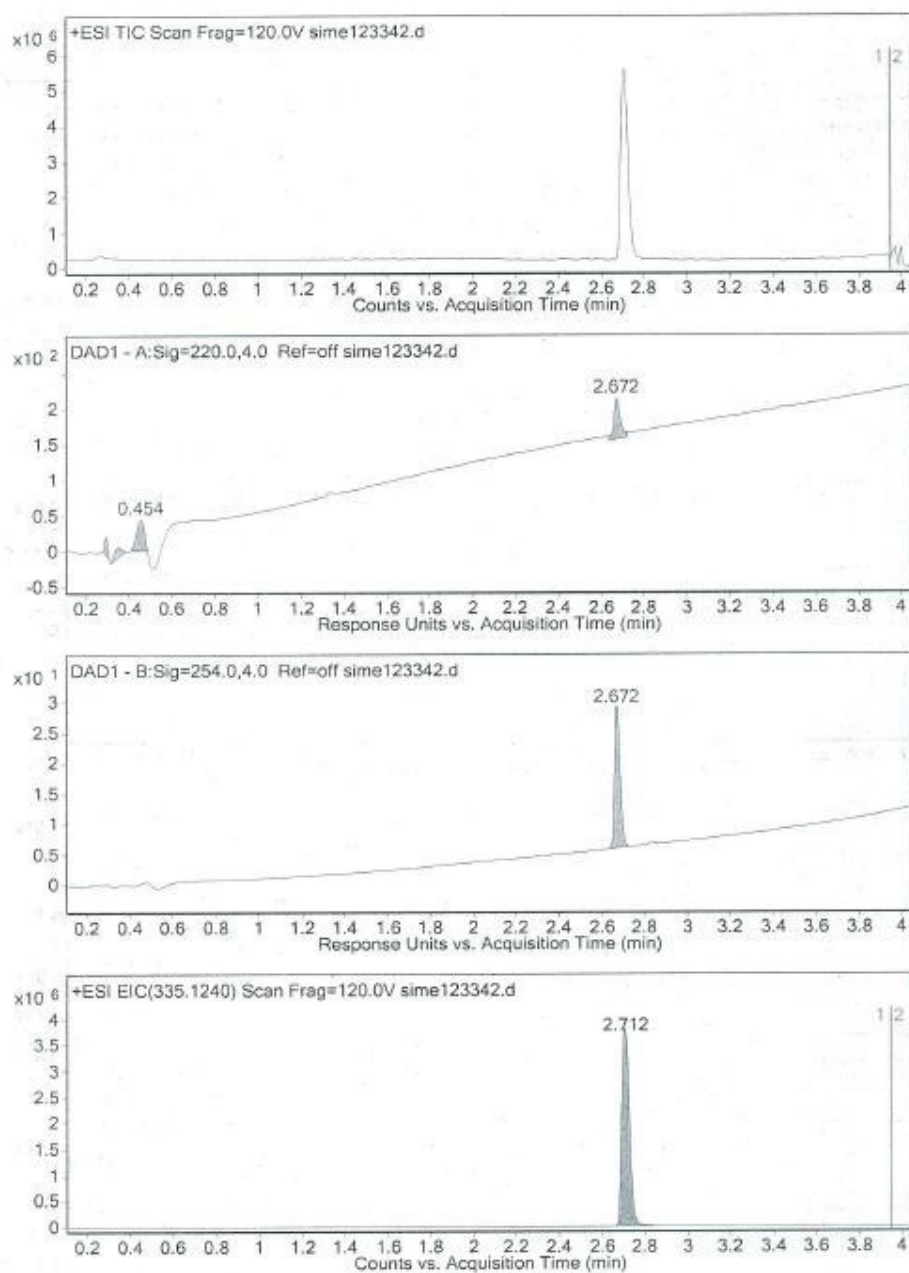


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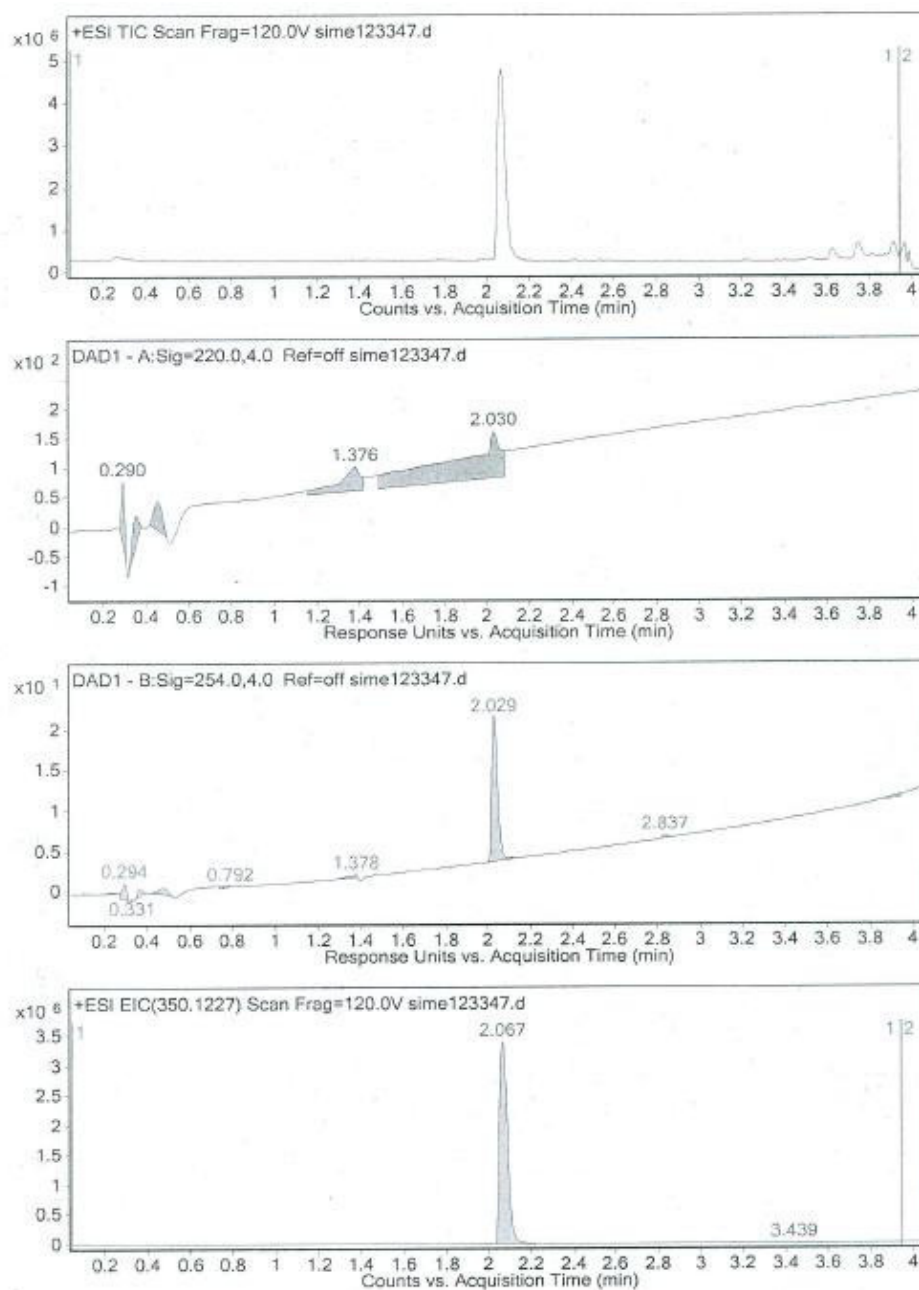
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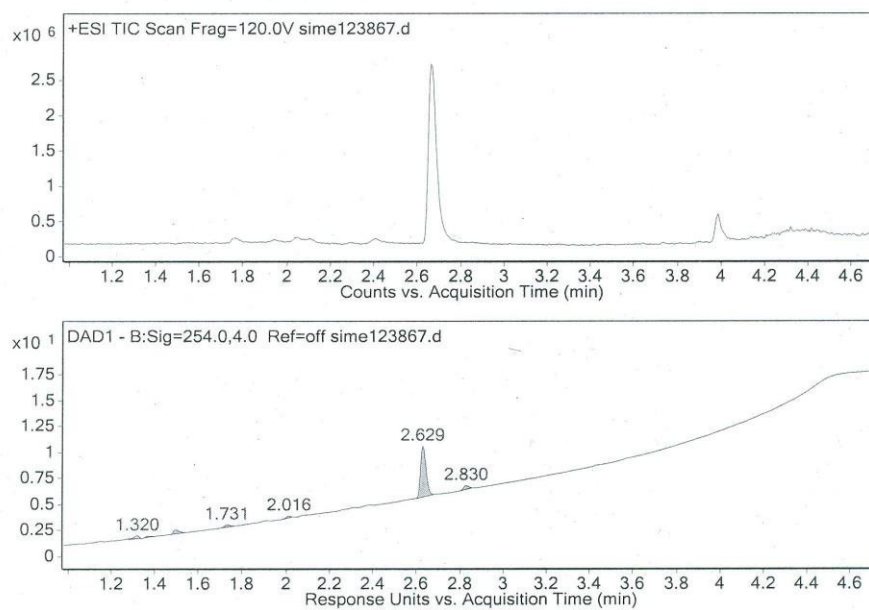


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### 3. Cyclic Voltammetry

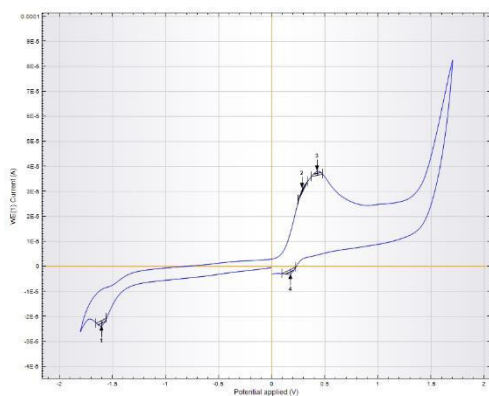
All measurements were performed in MeOH or MeOH/water with 0.1M Bu<sub>4</sub>NBF<sub>4</sub> using ferrocene (0.005M) as internal standard (*Marked yellow*).

**Table A1:** Overview of measured potentials.

Compound	Potential VS Ferrocene		Potential VS SCN	
Vitamin C	-1.83293	0.19638	-1.45293	0.57638
NADH	0.845915	1.339415	1.225915	1.719415
Hantzsch ester	0.380175		0.760175	
NAD <sup>+</sup>	-134579	-1.57739	-134578.62	-1.19739
7ao	-0.4305275	- 1.480415	-0.0505275	- 1.100415
7bo	-1.71383		-1.33383	
8ao	-0.845955	- 1.500555	-0.465955	- 1.120555

#### Reducing Agents

**Vitamin C** (H<sub>2</sub>O:MeOH, 1:1)

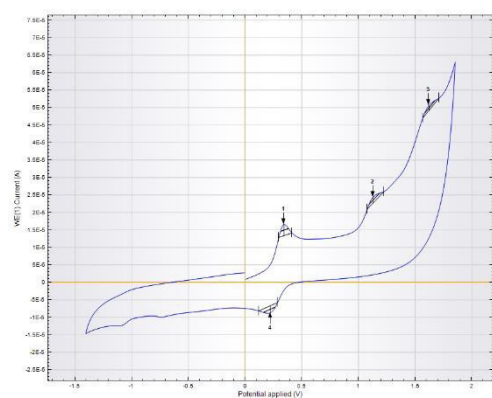


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| 3 | 0.42801 |
| 4 | 0.17624 |



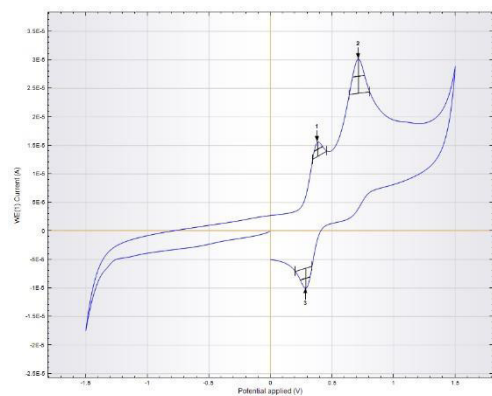
### NADH (H<sub>2</sub>O:MeOH, 1:1)



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### Hantzsch ester (9, in MeOH)

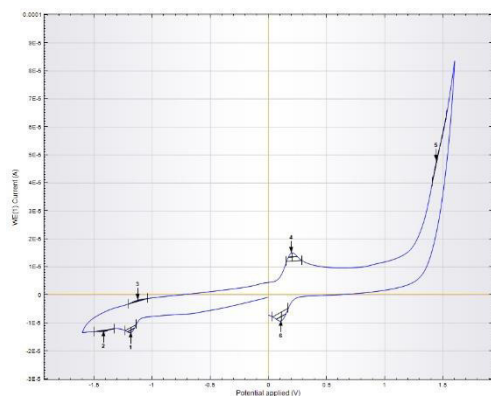


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## Oxidizing Agents

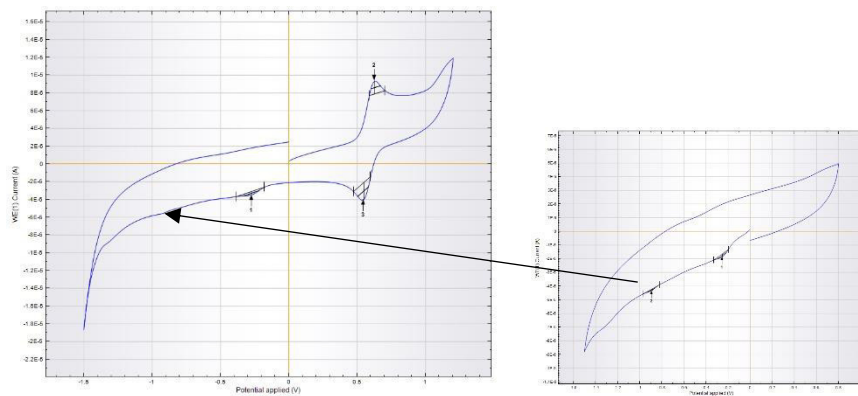
NAD<sup>+</sup> (H<sub>2</sub>O:MeOH, 1:1)



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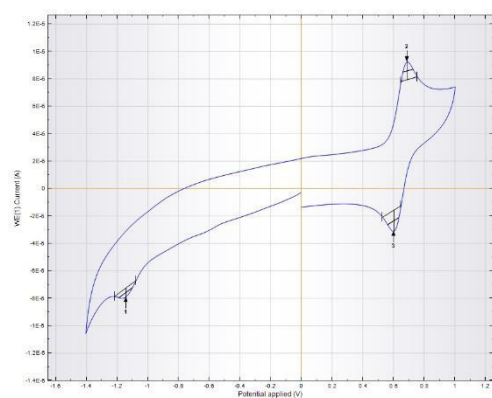
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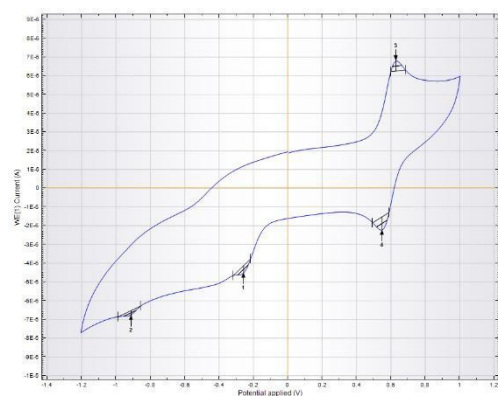
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8a°

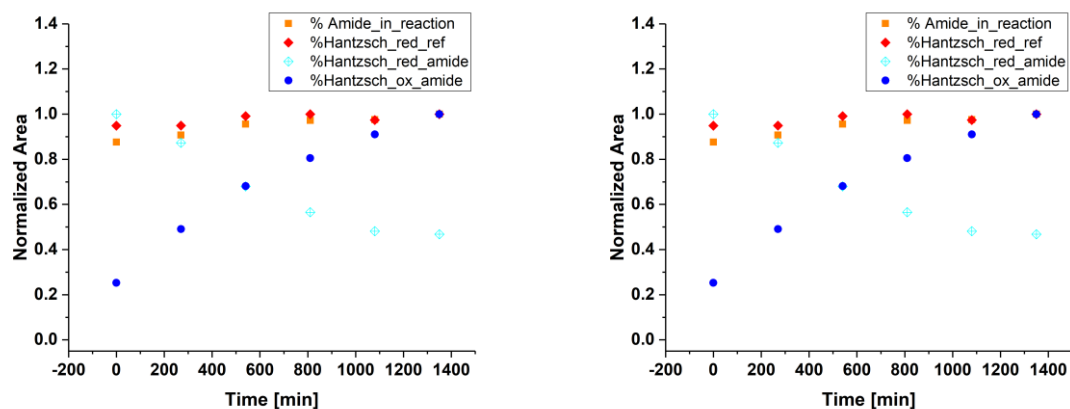


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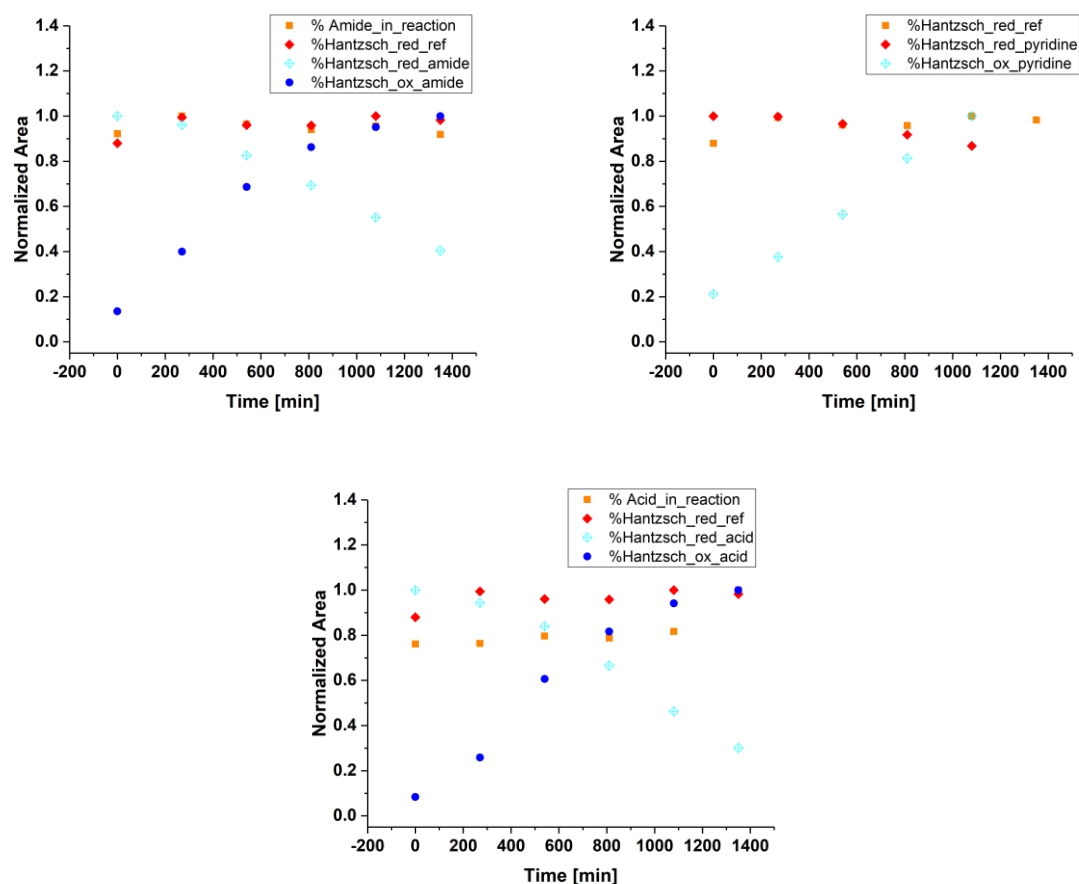
## 4. Redox Reactions with Hantzsch ester

MeOH



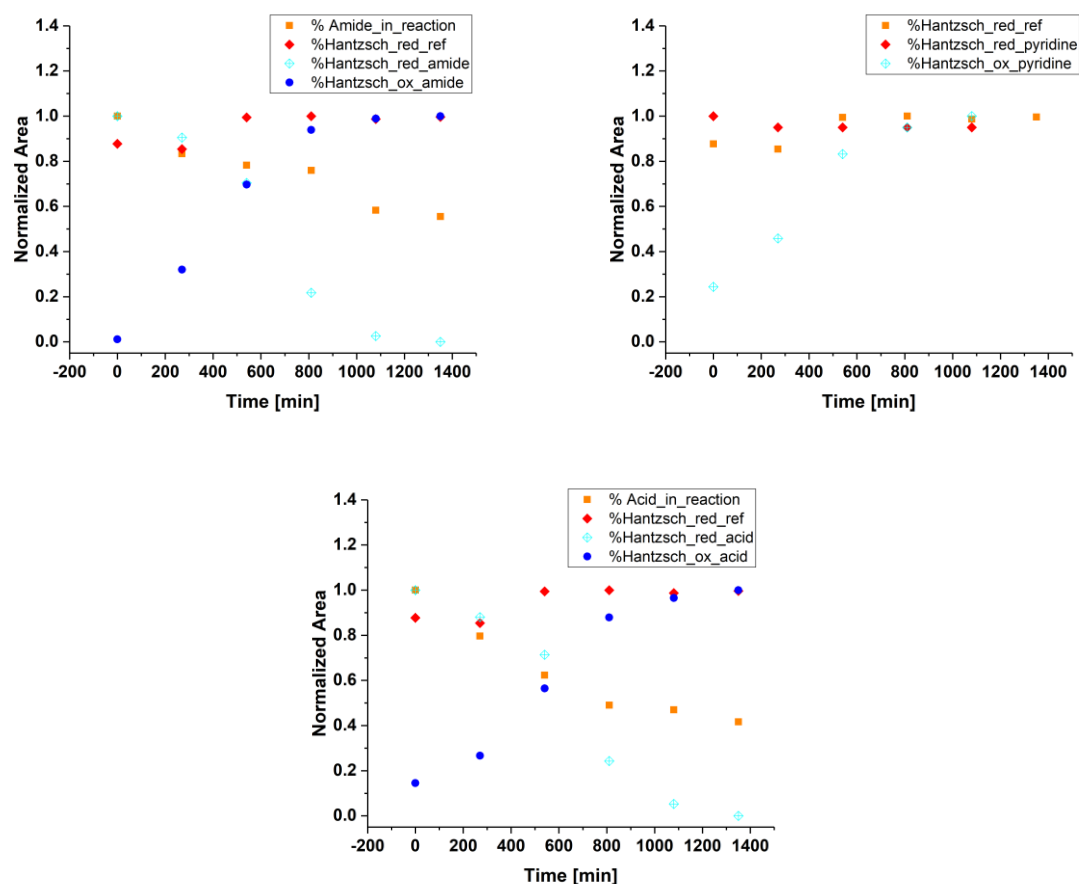
**Figure A1:** *left:* Kinetic profile of Hantzsch ester oxidation through compound **7a<sup>o</sup>** (3.3  $\mu$ M in MeOH); relative amount of **7a<sup>o</sup>** (gray) **9** (blue) and **10** (brown) in the reaction mixture and **9** without addition of **7a<sup>o</sup>** (green) under the same conditions; *left:* Kinetic profile of Hantzsch ester oxidation through compound **8a<sup>o</sup>** (3.3  $\mu$ M in MeOH); relative amount of **8a<sup>o</sup>** (gray) **9** (blue) and **10** (brown) in the reaction mixture and **9** without addition of **8a<sup>o</sup>** (green) under the same conditions.

MeCN



**Figure A2:** *left:* Kinetic profile of Hantzsch ester oxidation through compound **7a°** (3.3  $\mu$ M in MeCN); relative amount of **7a°** (gray) **9** (blue) and **10** (brown) in the reaction mixture and **9** without addition of **7a°** (green) under the same conditions; *right:* Kinetic profile of Hantzsch ester oxidation through compound **7b°** (3.3  $\mu$ M in MeCN); relative amount **9** (blue) and **10** (brown) in the reaction mixture and **9** without addition of **7b°** (green) under the same conditions; *bottom:* Kinetic profile of Hantzsch ester oxidation through compound **8a°** (3.3  $\mu$ M in MeCN); relative amount of **8a°** (gray) **9** (blue) and **10** (brown) in the reaction mixture and **9** without addition of **8a°** (green) under the same conditions.

## DMSO



**Figure A3:** *left:* Kinetic profile of Hantzsch ester oxidation through compound **7a°** (3.3  $\mu$ M in DMSO); relative amount of **7a°** (gray) **9** (blue) and **10** (brown) in the reaction mixture and **9** without addition of **7a°** (green) under the same conditions; *right:* Kinetic profile of Hantzsch ester oxidation through compound **7b°** (3.3  $\mu$ M in DMSO); relative amount **9** (blue) and **10** (brown) in the reaction mixture and **9** without addition of **7b°** (green) under the same conditions; *bottom:* Kinetic profile of Hantzsch ester oxidation through compound **8a°** (3.3  $\mu$ M in DMSO); relative amount of **8a°** (gray) **9** (blue) and **10** (brown) in the reaction mixture and **9** without addition of **8a°** (green) under the same conditions.

## Redox Reaction with Hantzsch ester under irradiation

**Table A2:** Conversion of Hantzsch ester through **8a** or **7a**, respectively, under irradiation.

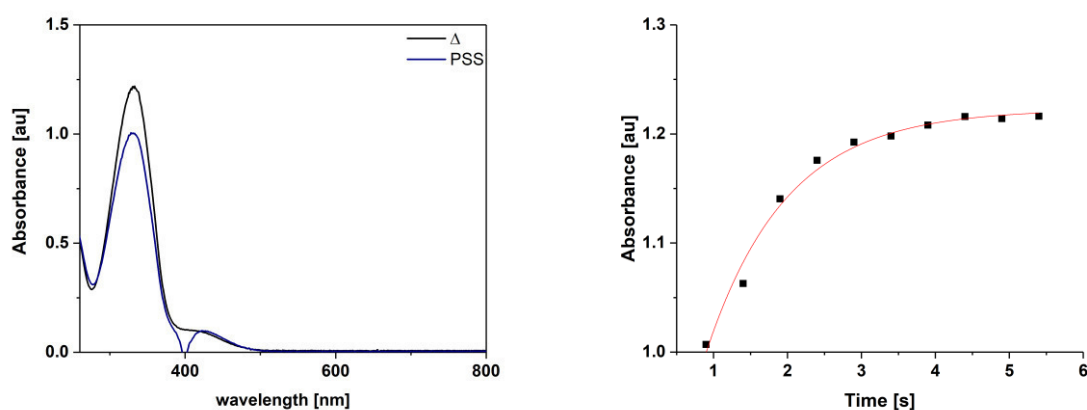
			<b>9 control</b>	<b>9 irradiated</b>	<b>9+Switch control</b>	<b>9+Switch irradiated</b>
<b>Area from HPLC</b>	<b>8a</b>	<b>9</b>	5044	24956	26893	16603
		<b>9-ox</b>	32391	11604	38568	11672
	<b>7a</b>	<b>9</b>	31101	17836	10948	0
		<b>9-ox</b>	5701	38215	36062	38676
<b>Normalized Value</b>	<b>8a</b>	<b>9</b>	0.13	0.68	0.41	0.59
		<b>9-ox</b>	0.87	0.32	0.59	0.41
	<b>7a</b>	<b>9</b>	0.85	0.32	0.23	0.00
		<b>9-ox</b>	0.15	0.68	0.77	1.00
<b>Relative Value [%]</b>	<b>8a</b>	<b>9</b>	13	68	41	59
		<b>9-ox</b>	87	32	59	41
	<b>7a</b>	<b>9</b>	85	32	23	0
		<b>9-ox</b>	15	68	77	100

# A.III.1. Allosteric Regulation of the Imidazole Glycerol Phosphate Synthase Multienzyme Complexes with Light-Controllable Ligands

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## 1. UV/Vis Spectroscopy



Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/t1) + y0$
y0	$1.22258 \pm 0.00635$
A1	$-0.51383 \pm 0.05063$
t1	$1.0777 \pm 0.11851$
R-Square(COD)	0.98737
Adj. R-Square	0.98376

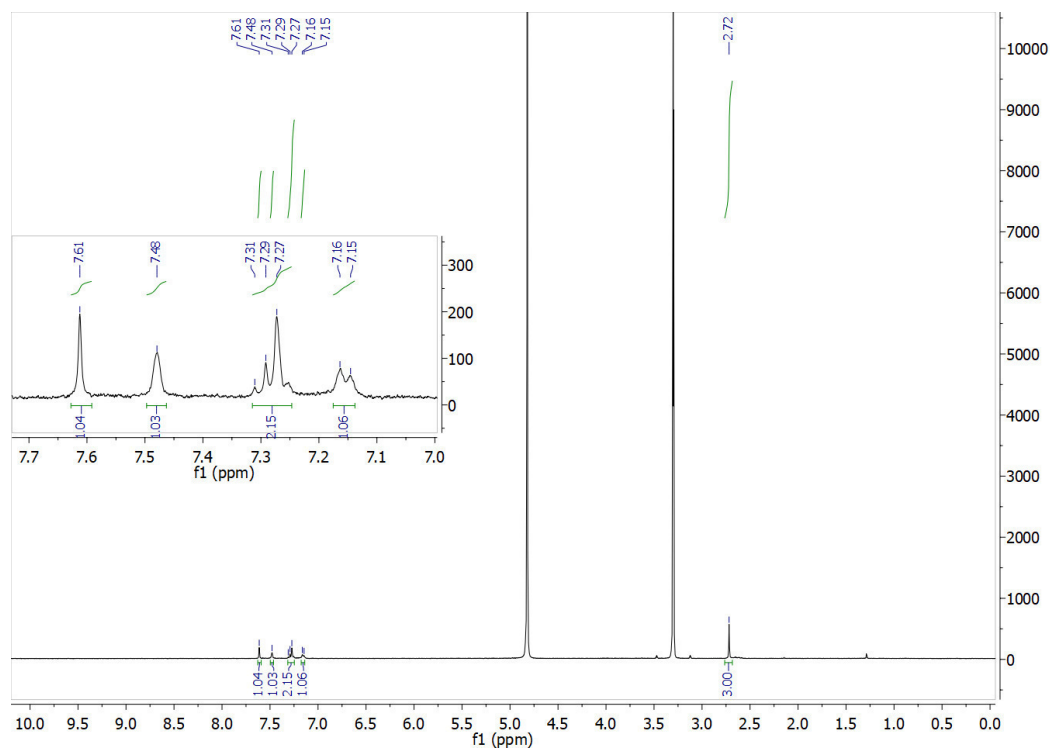
**Figure A1:** UV-Vis absorption spectrum (left) of compound **29** in buffer (67  $\mu$ M, 0.001% DMSO) and its lifetime (right).



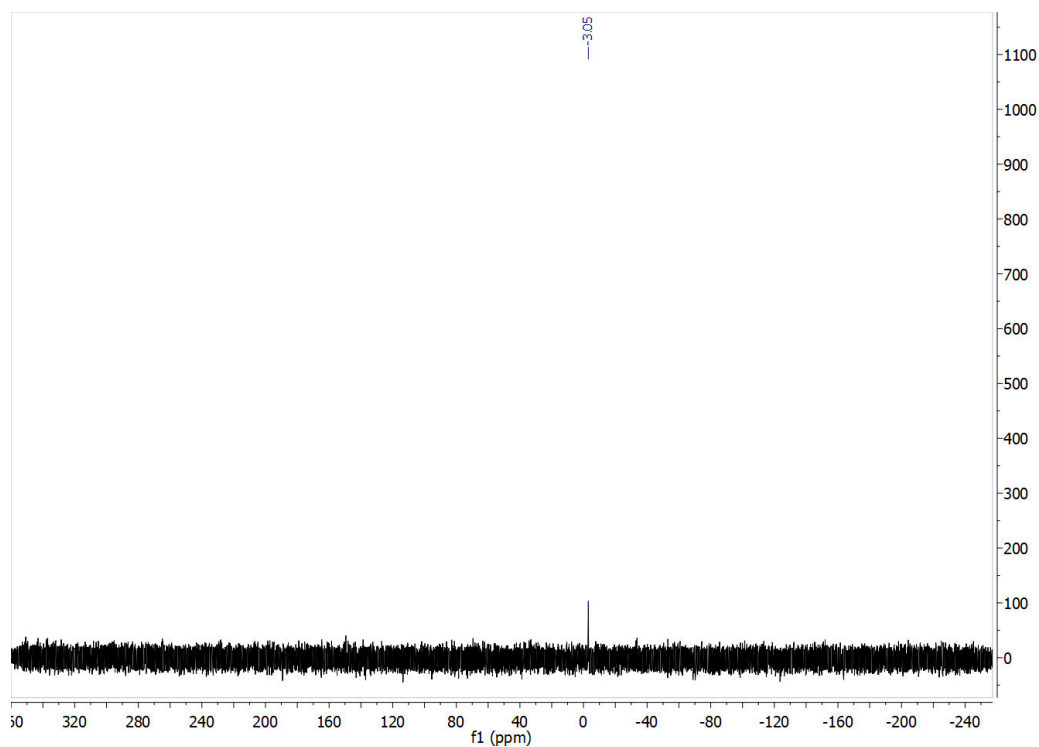
## 2. NMR

*3-(5-Methyl-4-(4-(2-methyl-5-(3-(phosphonooxy)phenyl)thiophen-3-yl)-2,5-dioxo-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)thiophen-2-yl)phenyl dihydrogen phosphate (1a)*

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )

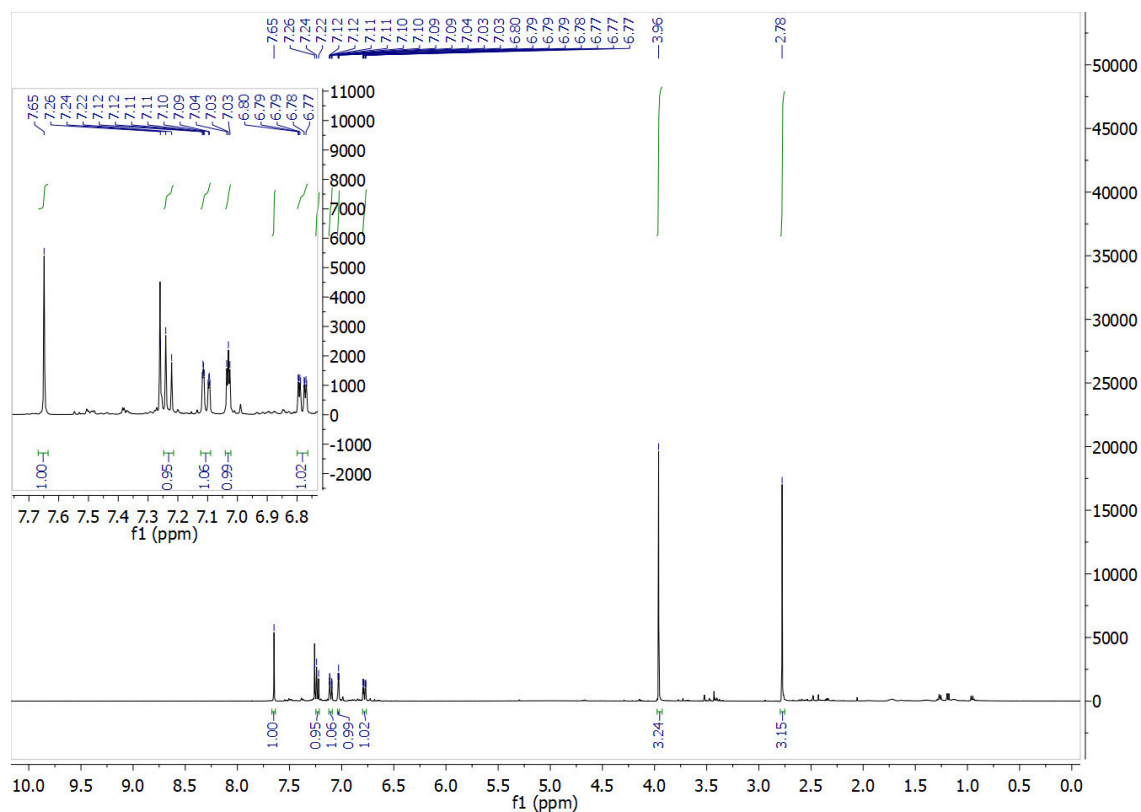


$^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )

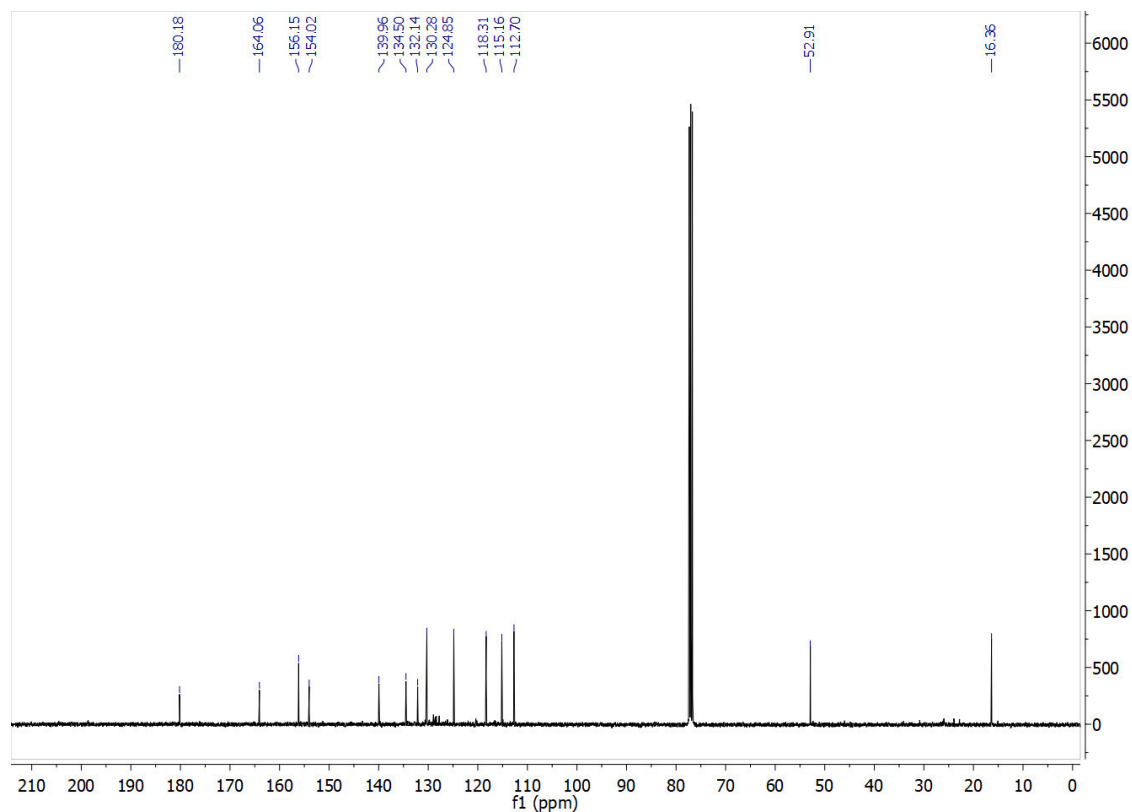


*Methyl 2-(5-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-2-methylthiophen-3-yl)-2-oxoacetate (8)*

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)

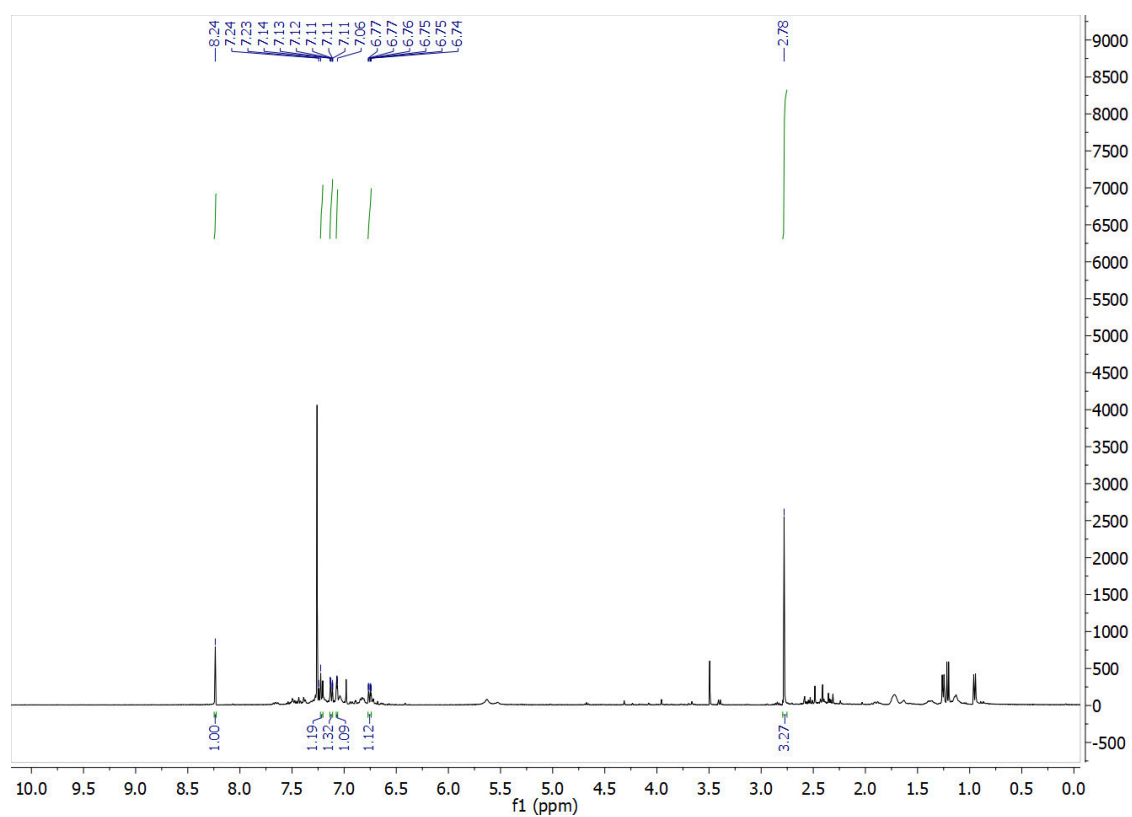


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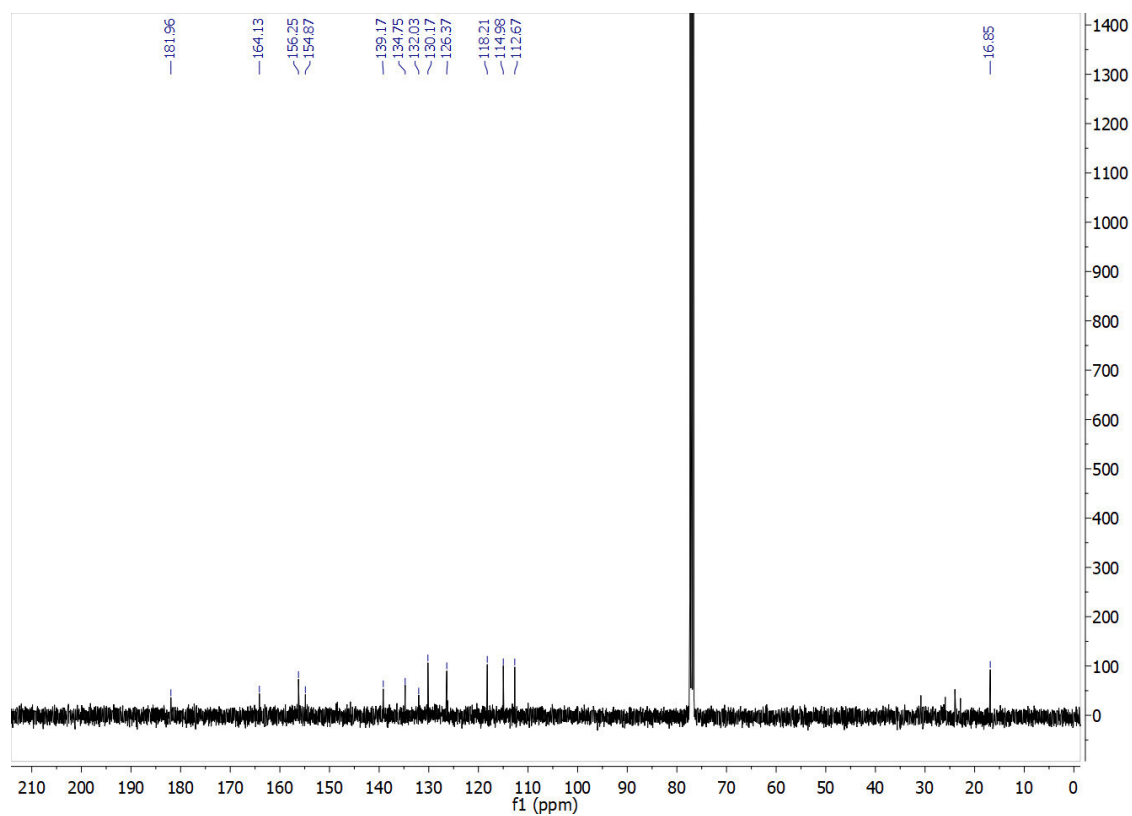


2-(5-(3-Hydroxyphenyl)-2-methylthiophen-3-yl)-2-oxoacetamide (**9**)

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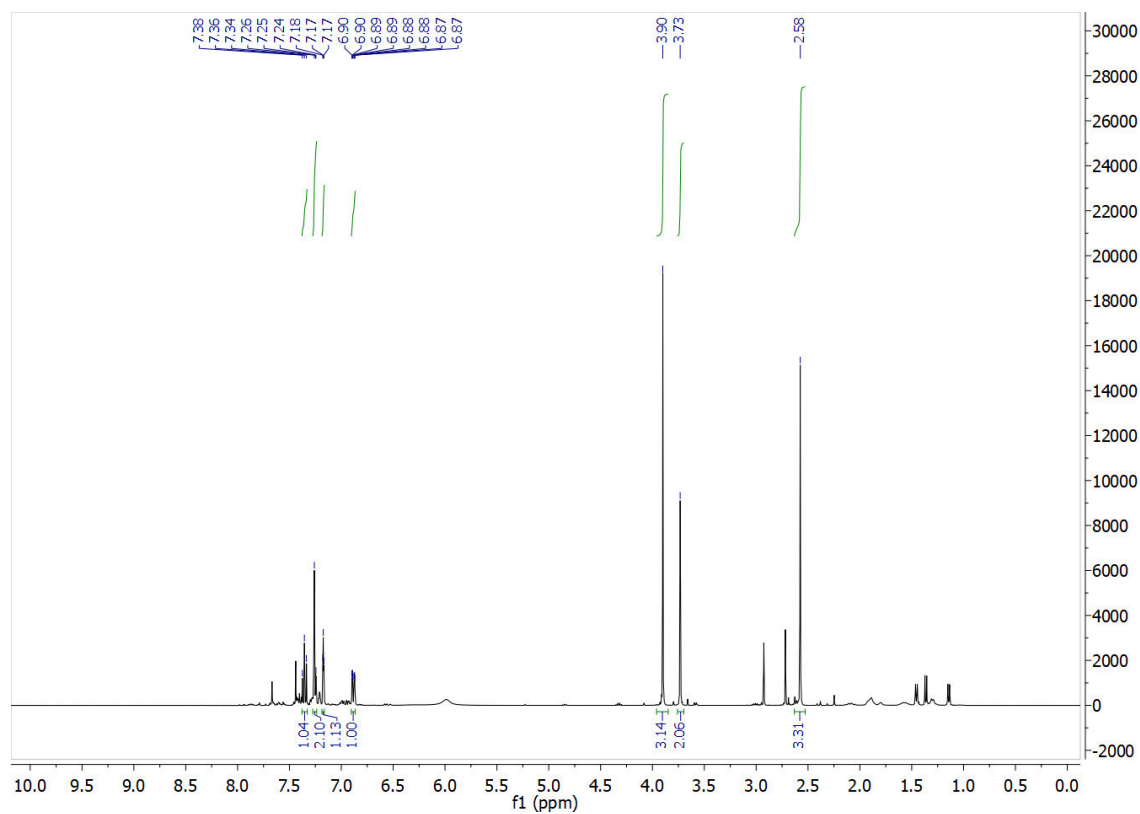


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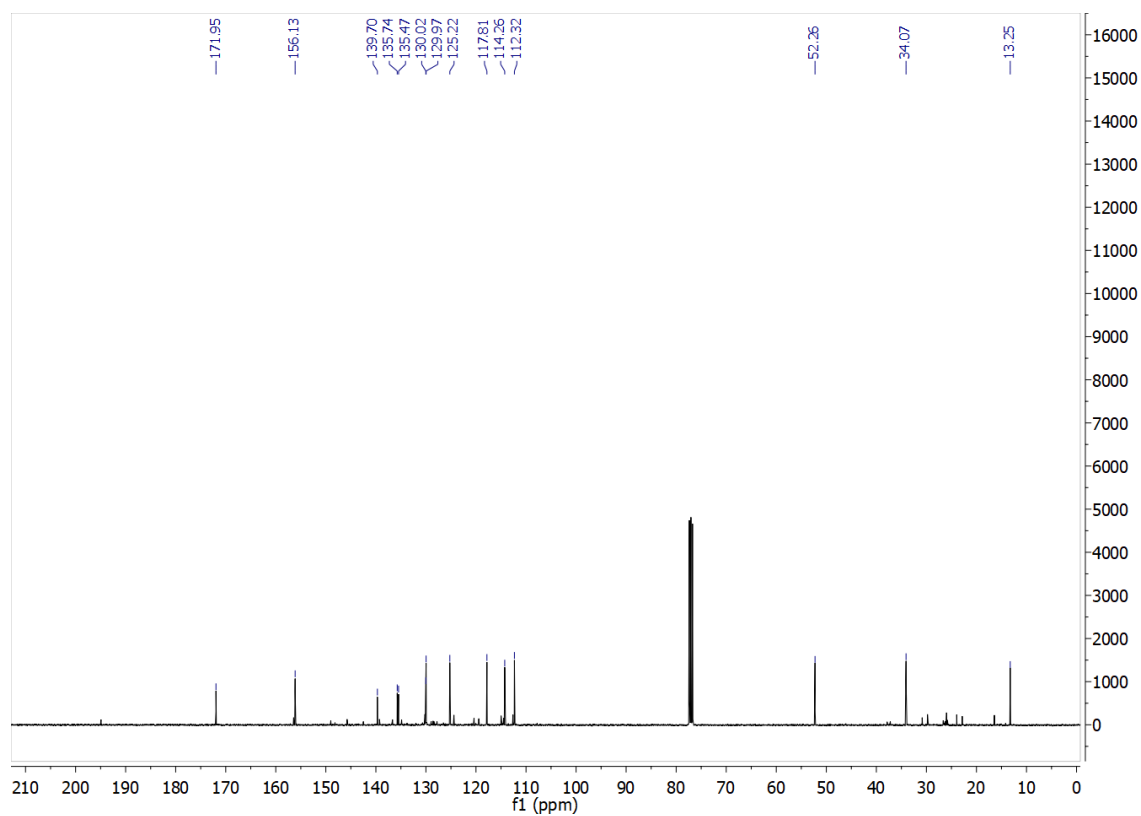


*Methyl 2-(5-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-2-methylthiophen-3-yl)acetate (11)*

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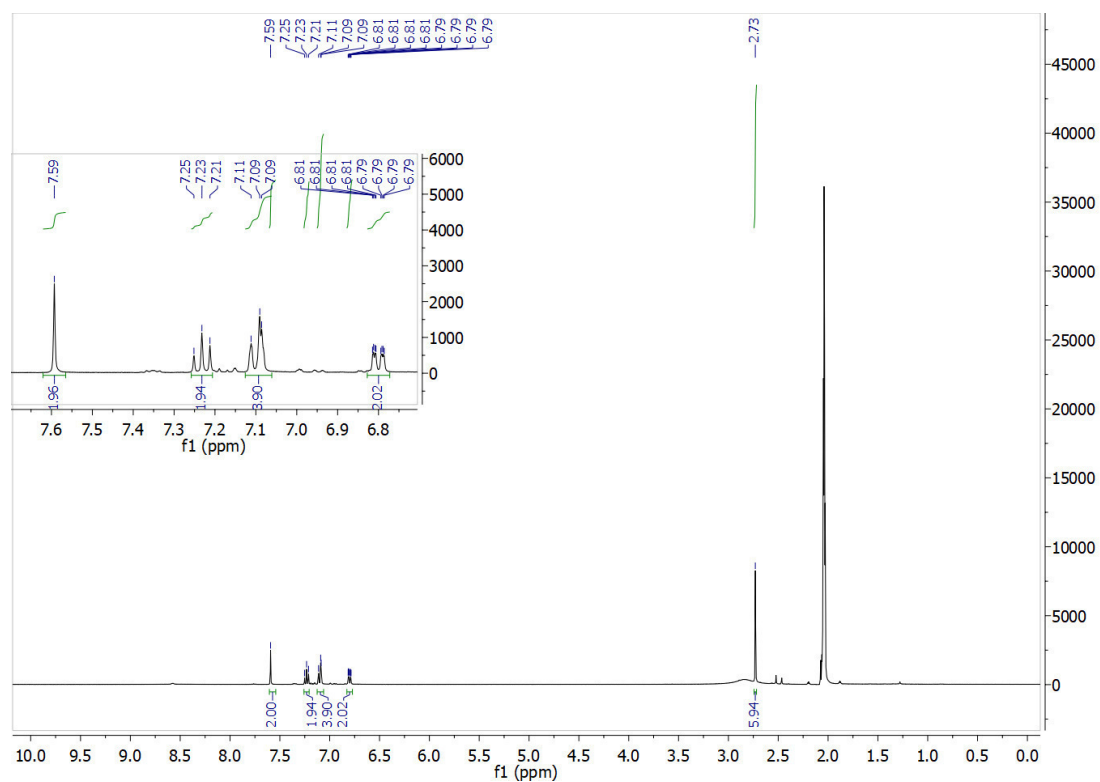


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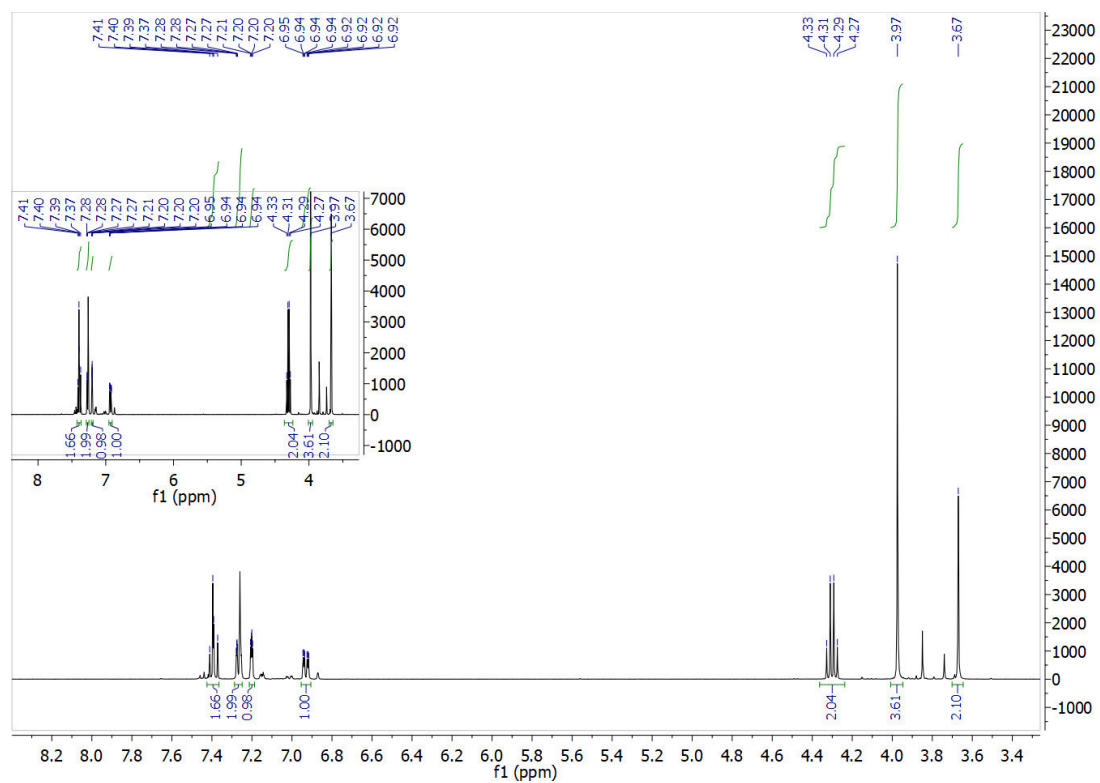
*3,4-Bis(5-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-2-methylthiophen-3-yl)-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dione (12)*

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ )

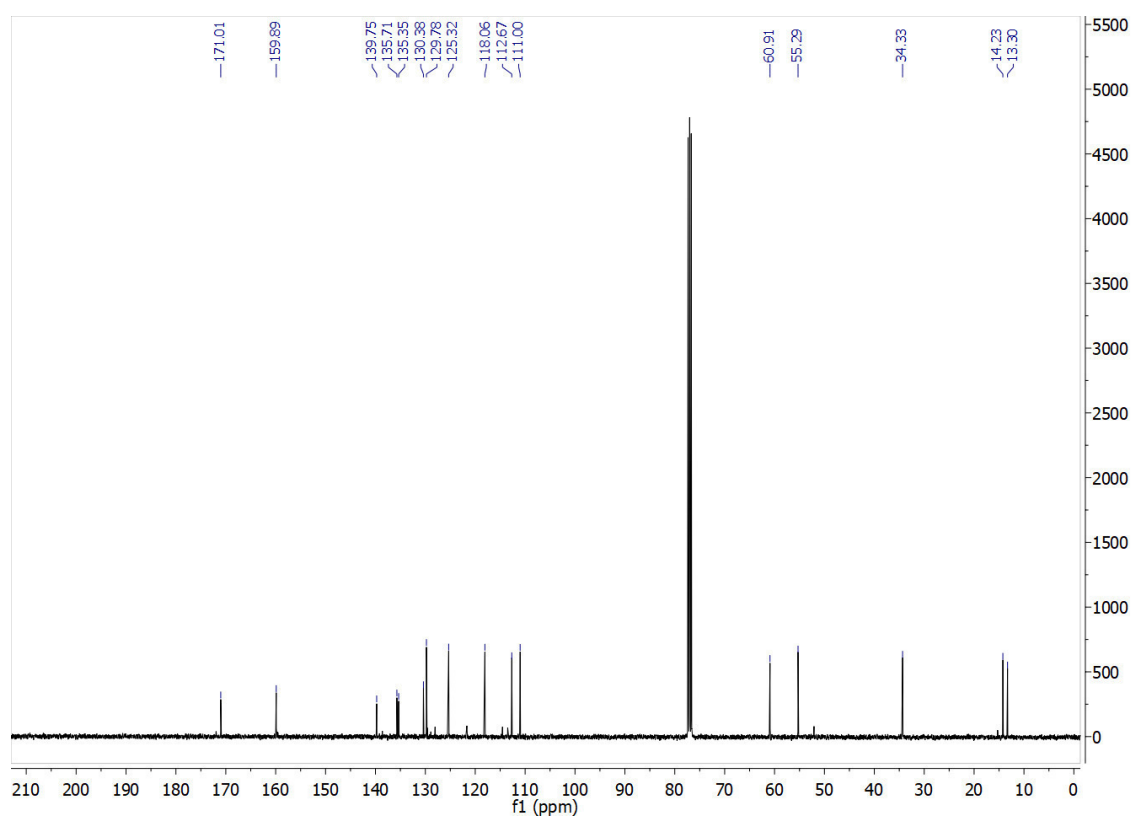


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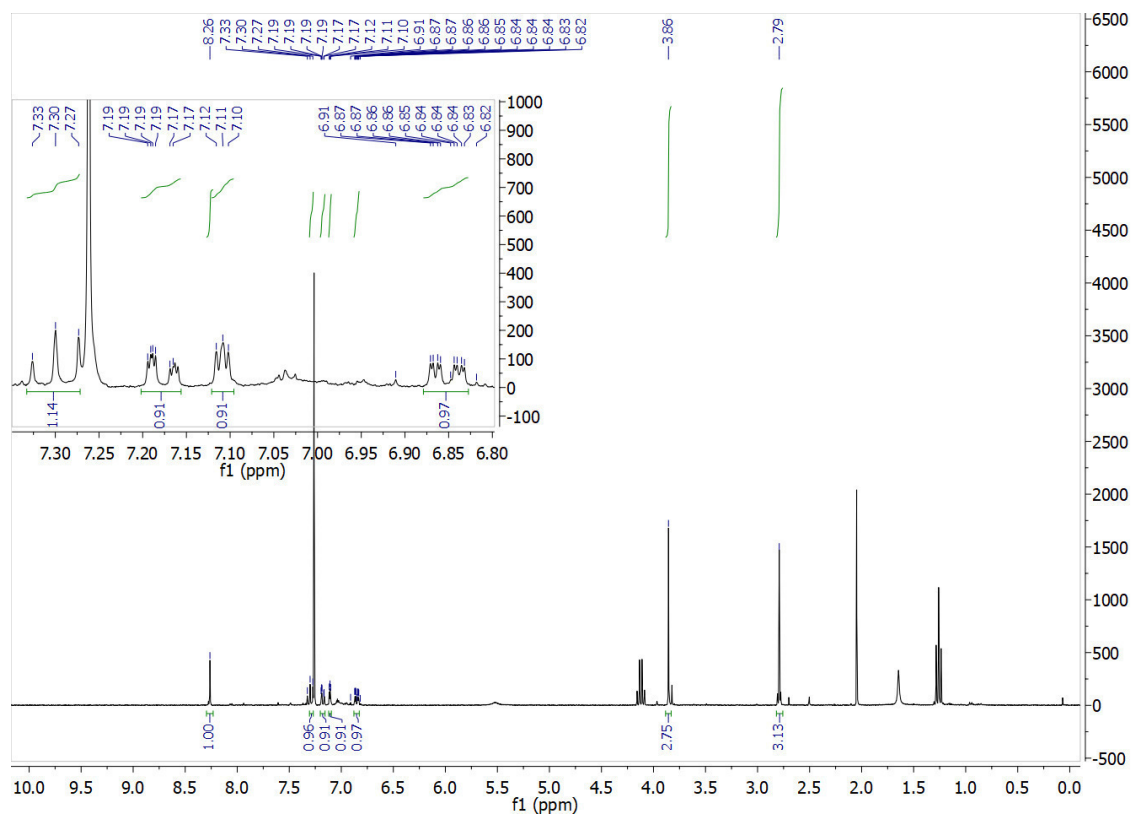


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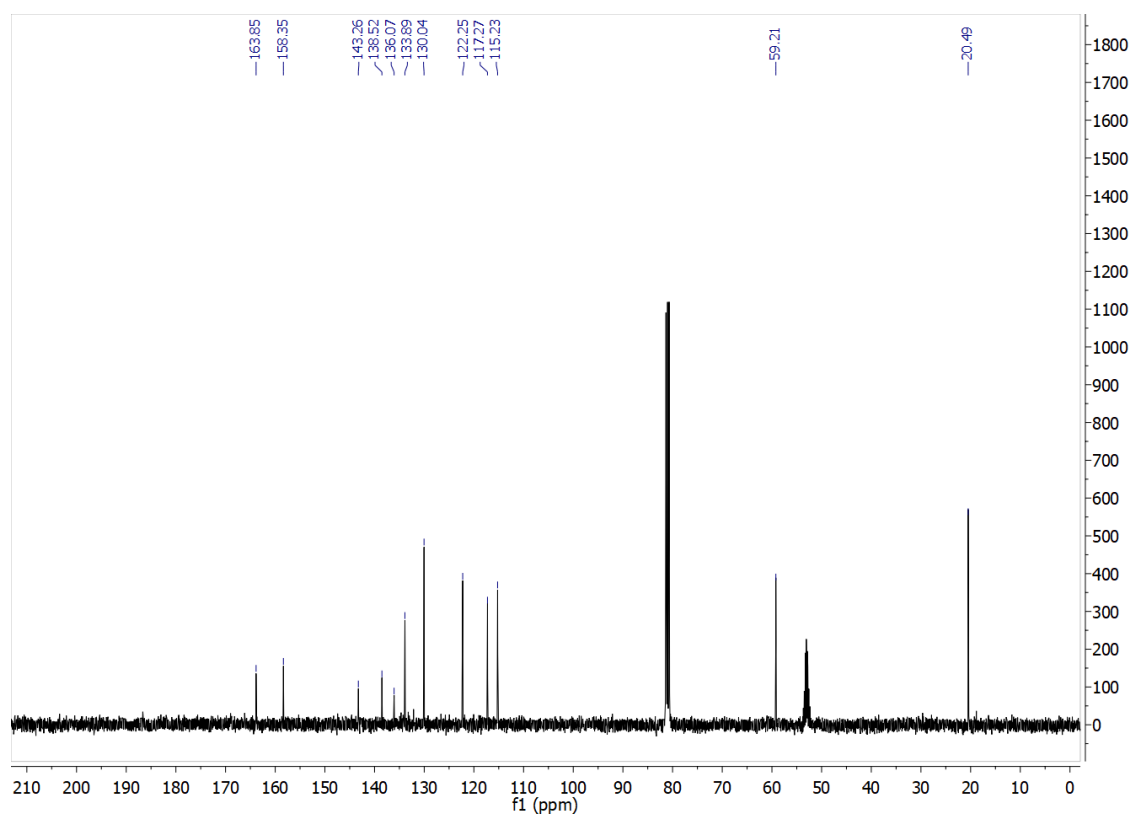


2-(5-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-2-methylthiophen-3-yl)-2-oxoacetamide (**17**)

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)

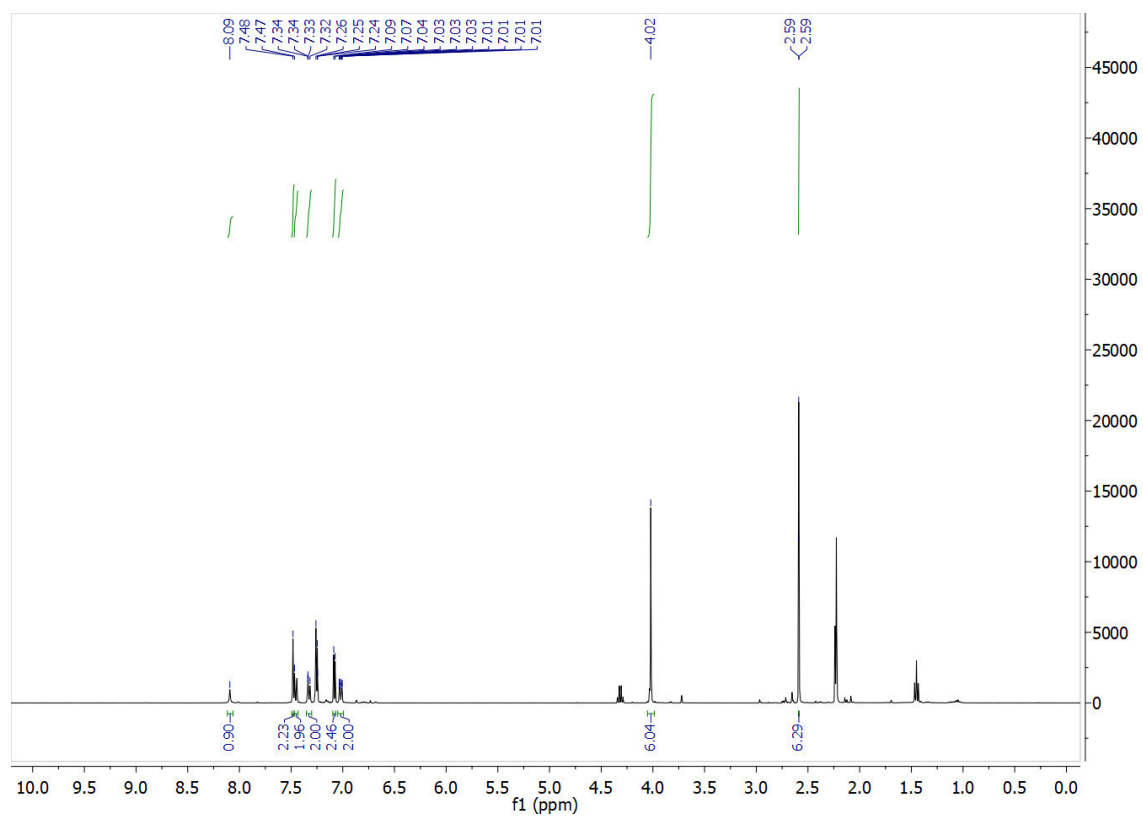


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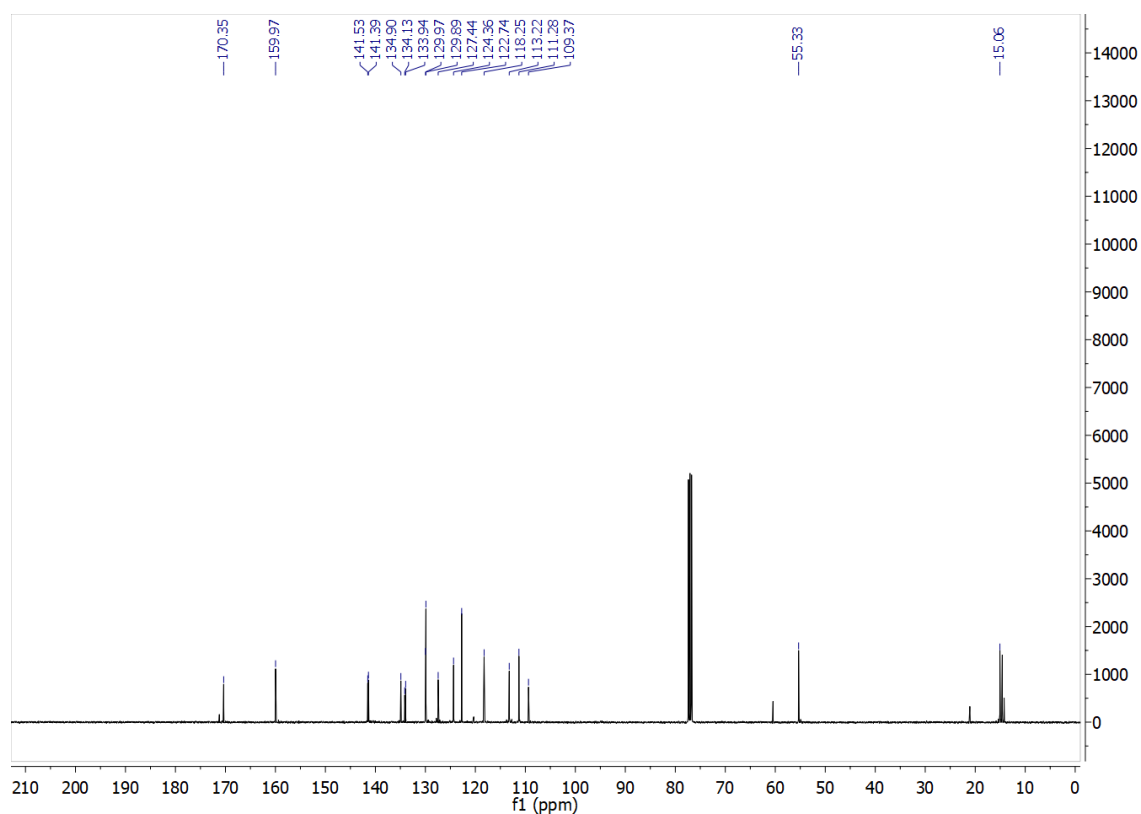


3,4-bis(5-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-methylthiophen-3-yl)-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dione (**19**)

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)

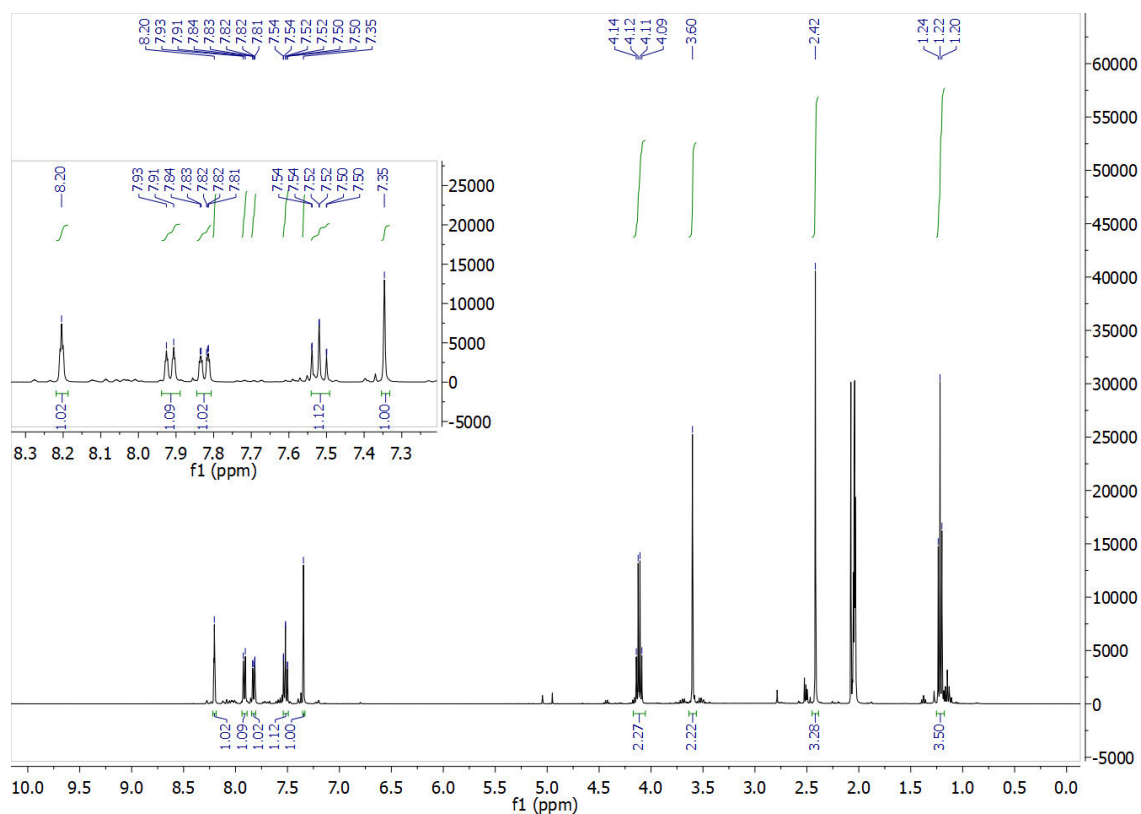


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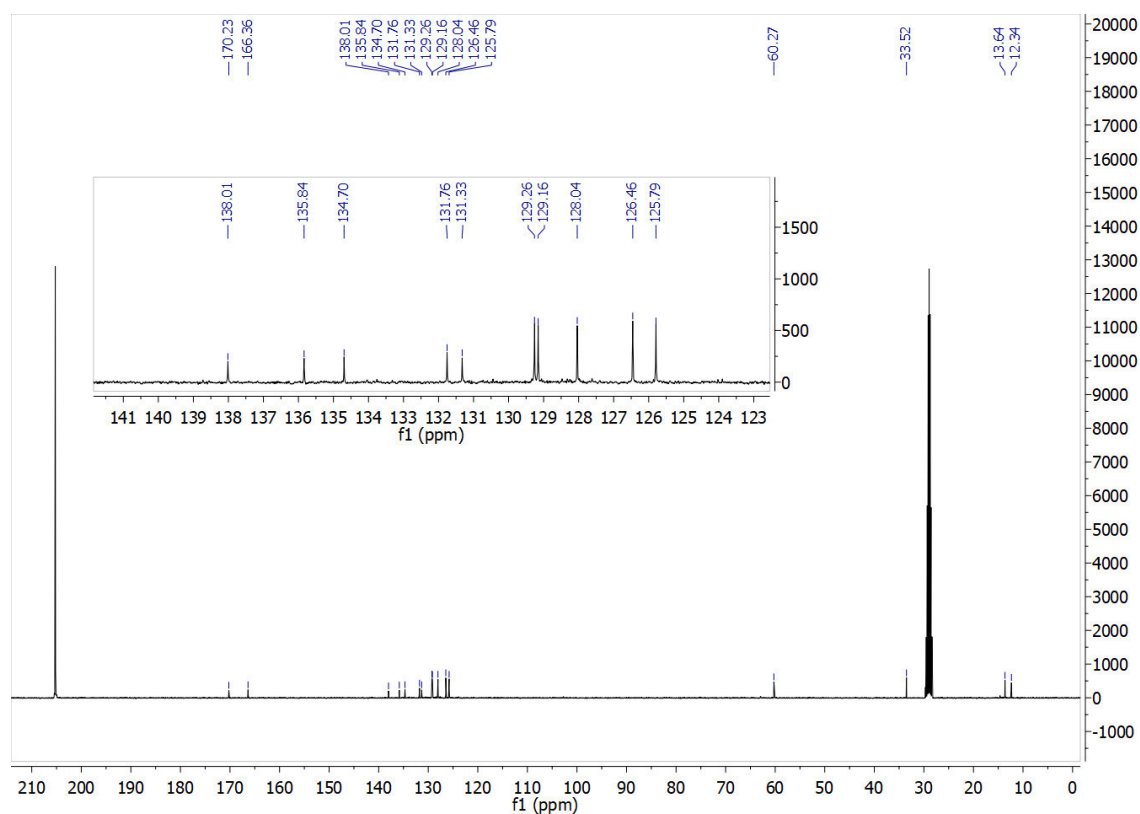
*3-(4-(2-Ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-5-methylthiophen-2-yl)benzoic acid (20)*

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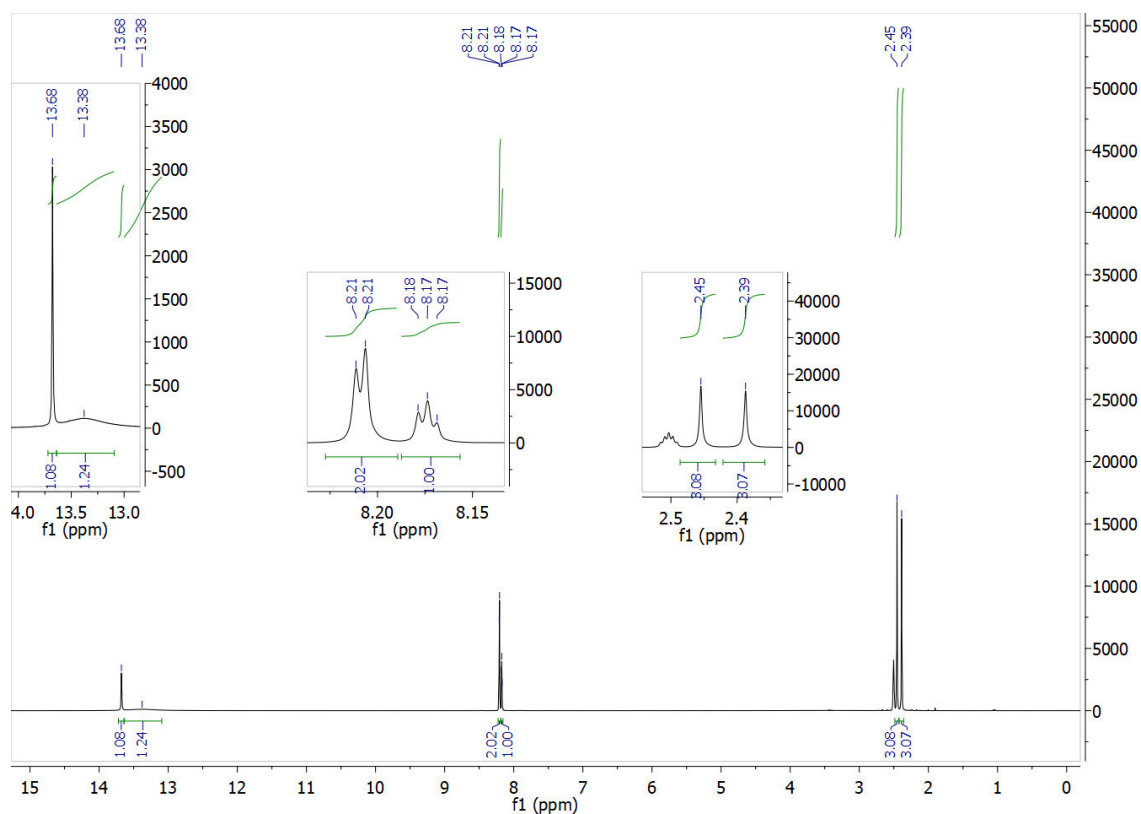


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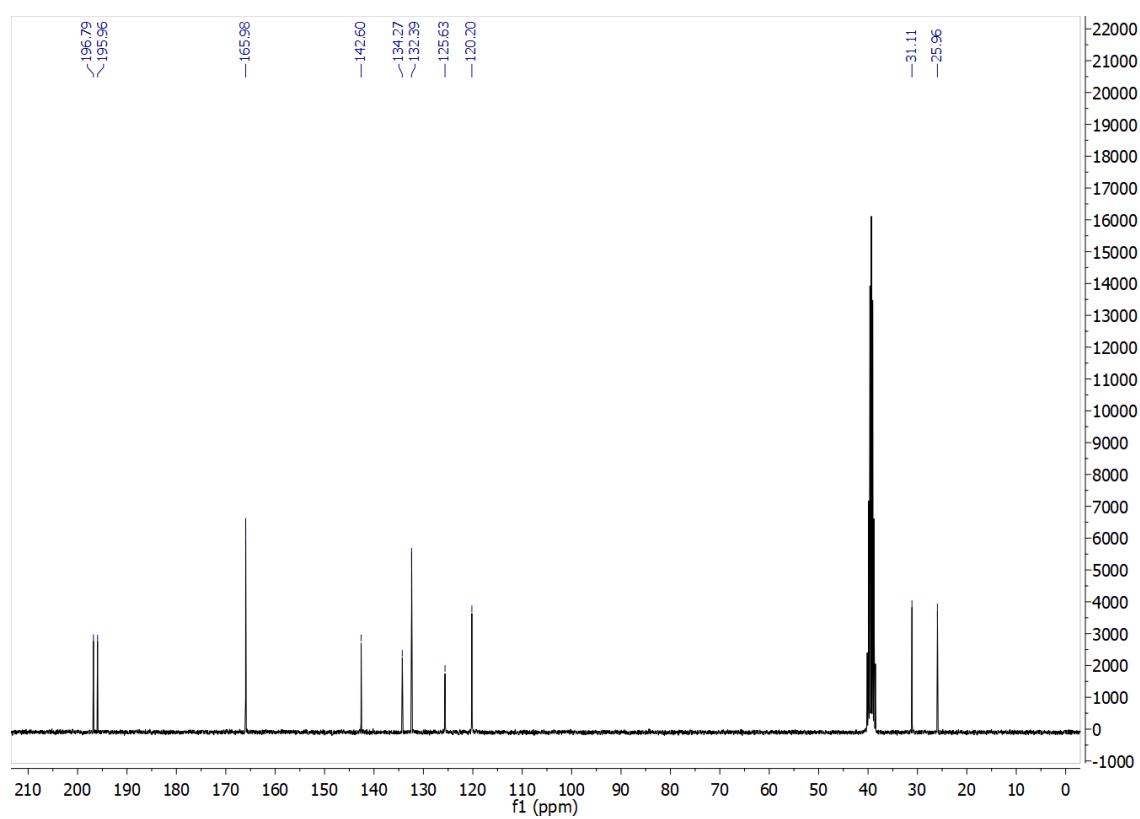


5-(2-(2,4-Dioxopentan-3-ylidene)hydrazineyl)isophthalic acid (**24**)

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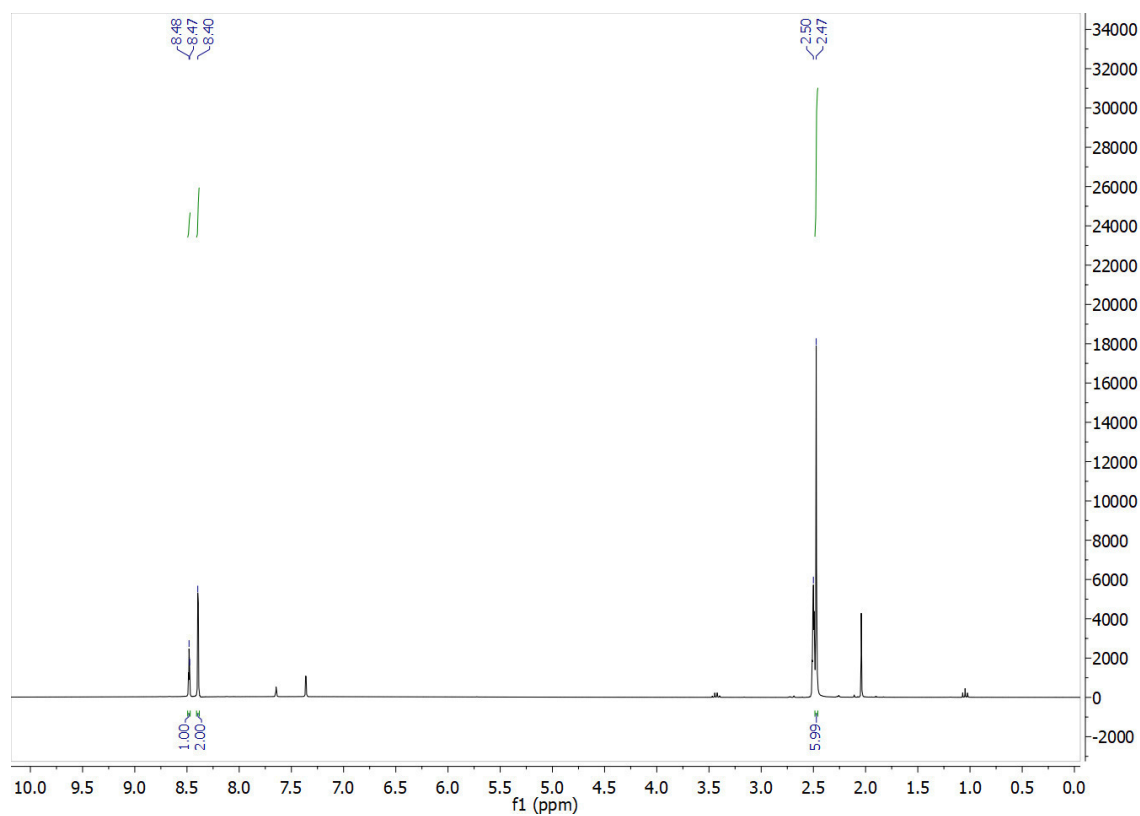


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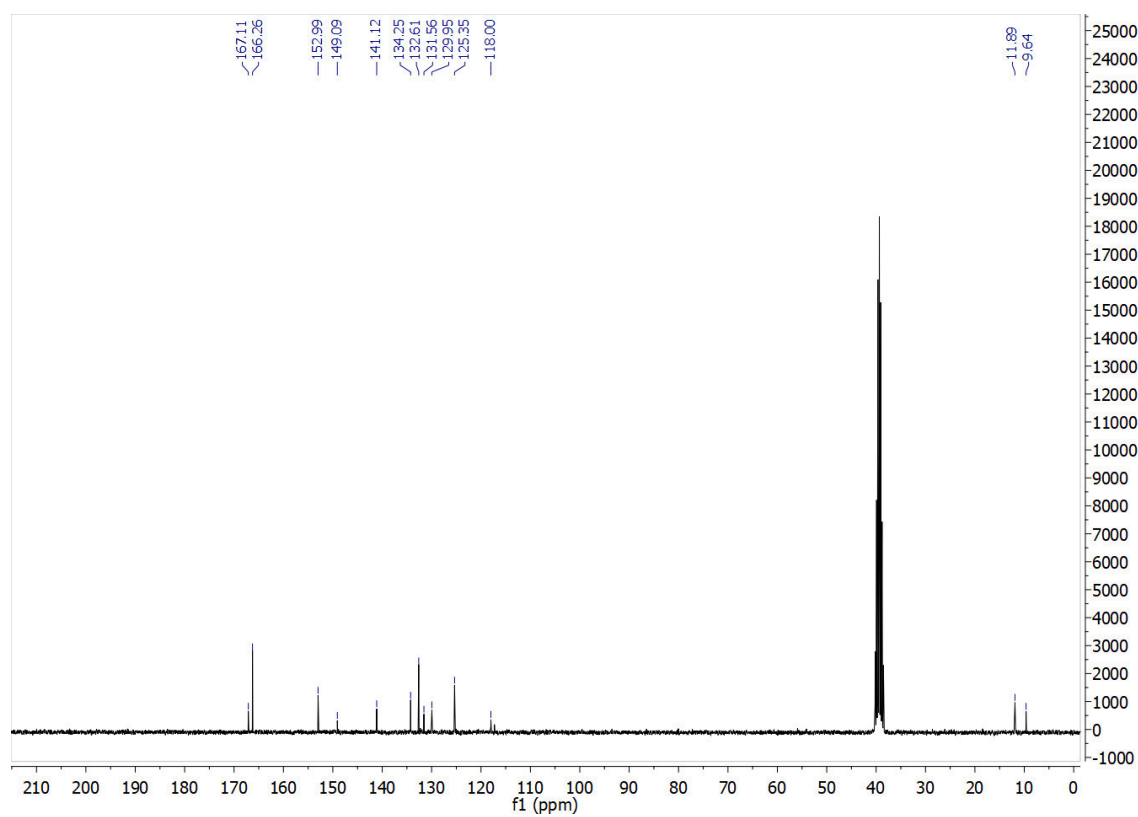


(E)-5-((3,5-Dimethyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)diazenyl)isophthalic acid (**25**)

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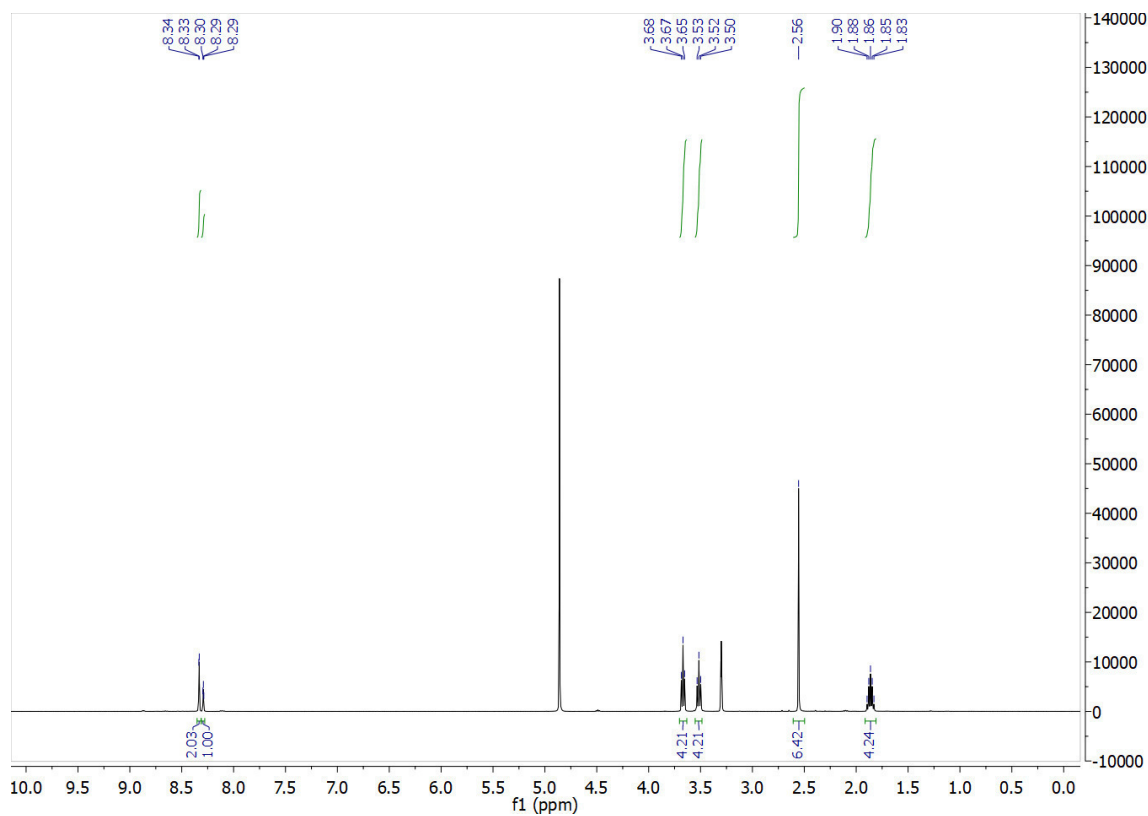


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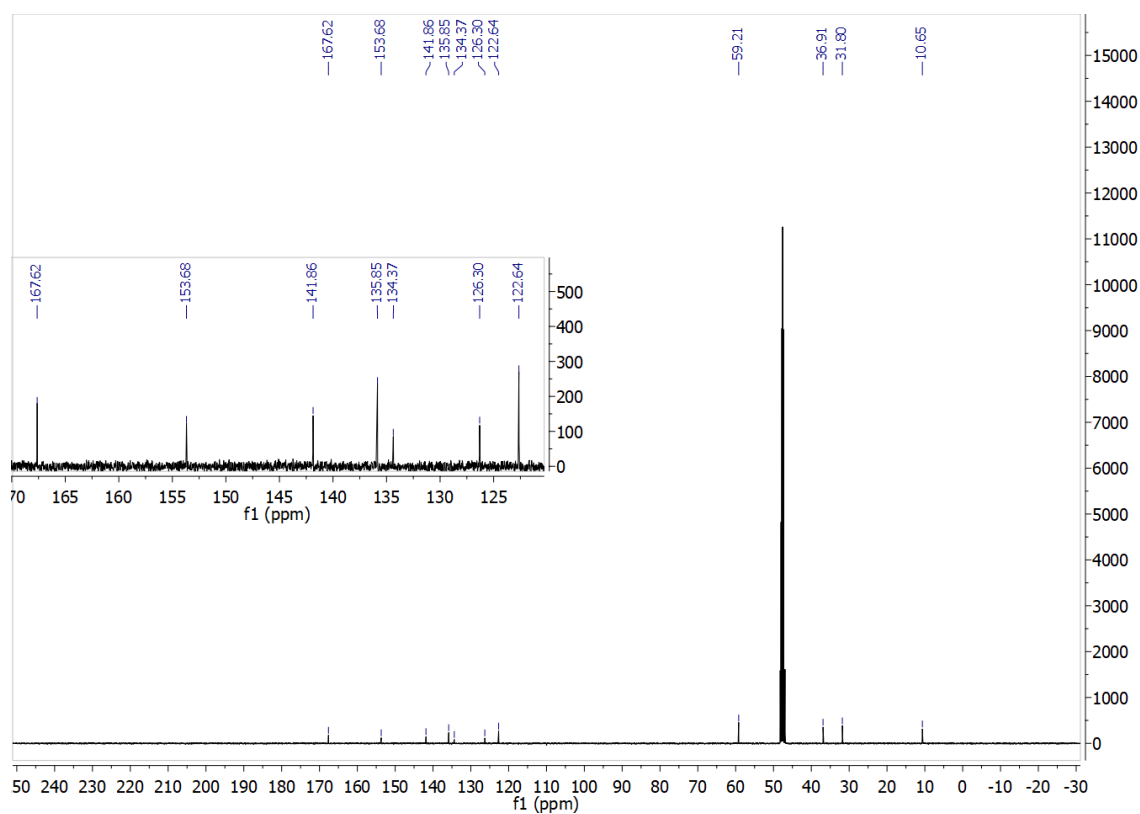


(*E*)-5-((3,5-Dimethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl)diazenyl)-*N*1,*N*3-bis(3-hydroxypropyl)isophthalamide (**27**)

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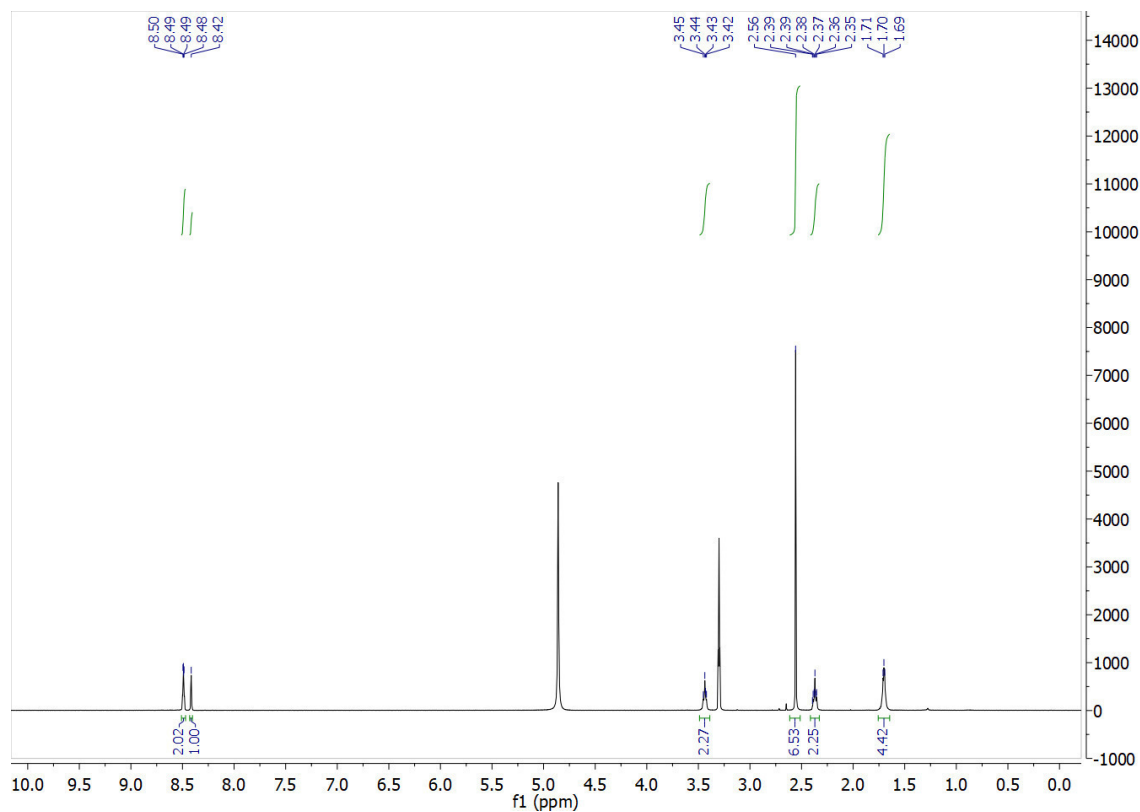


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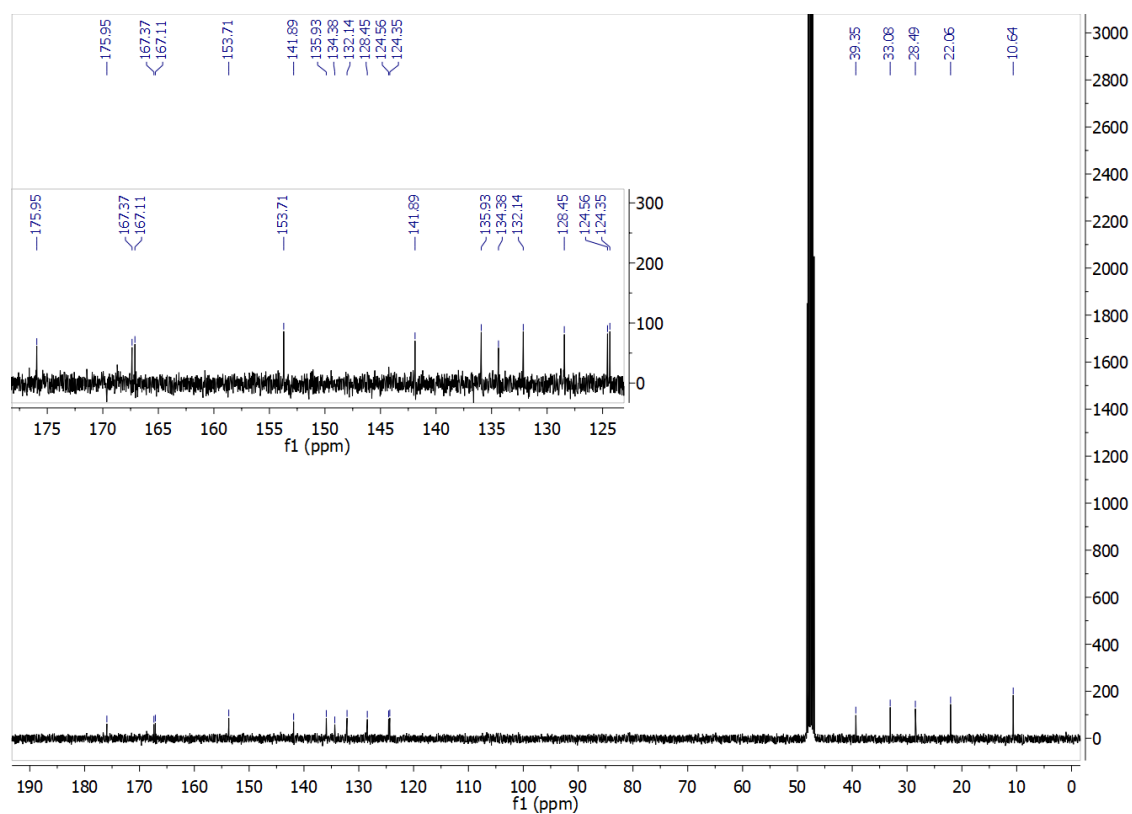


(*E*)-5,5'-((5-((3,5-Dimethyl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl)diazenyl)isophthaloyl)bis(azanediy))dipentanoic acid (**29**)

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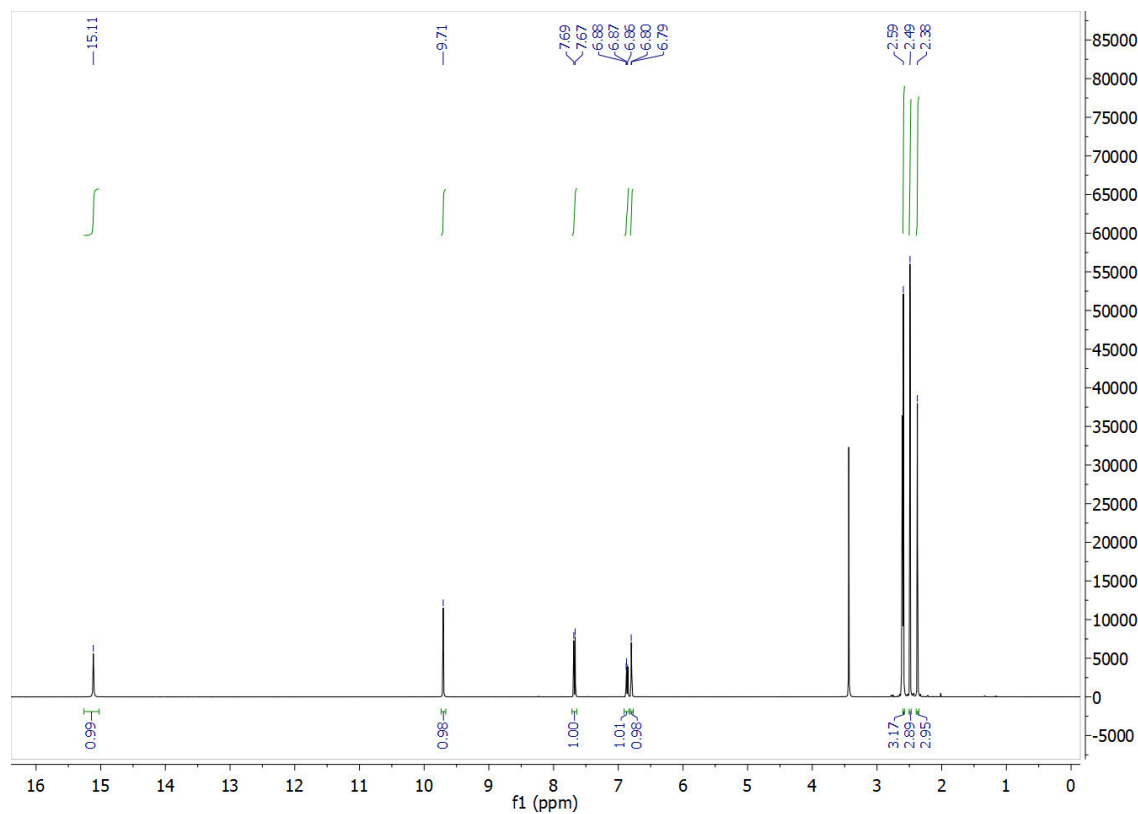


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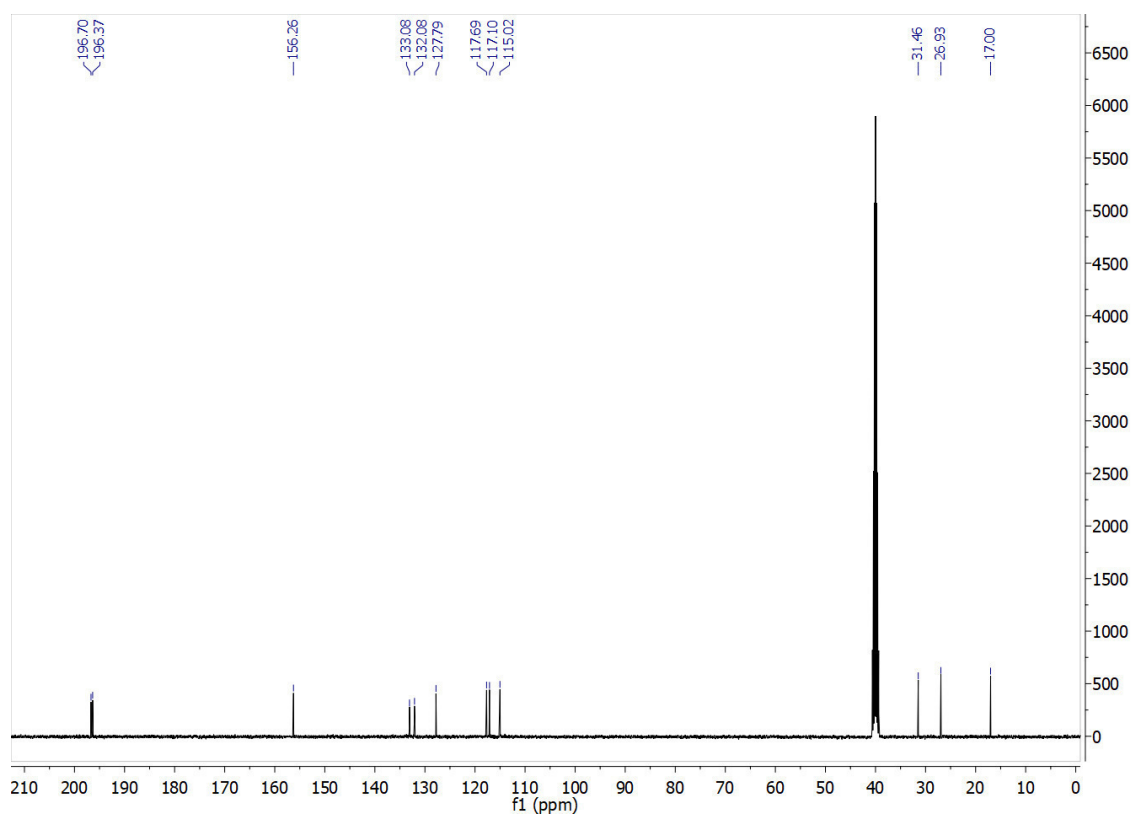


*3-(2-(4-Hydroxy-2-methylphenyl)hydrazineylidene)pentane-2,4-dione (31)*

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )

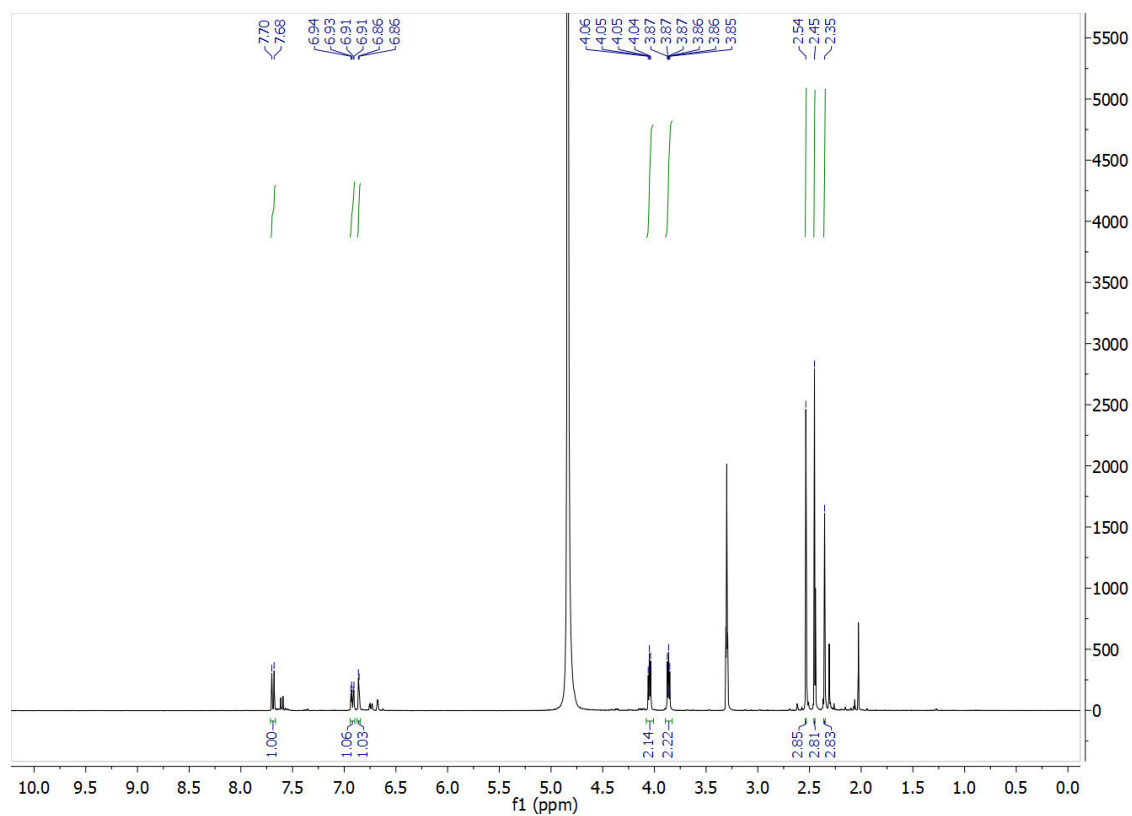


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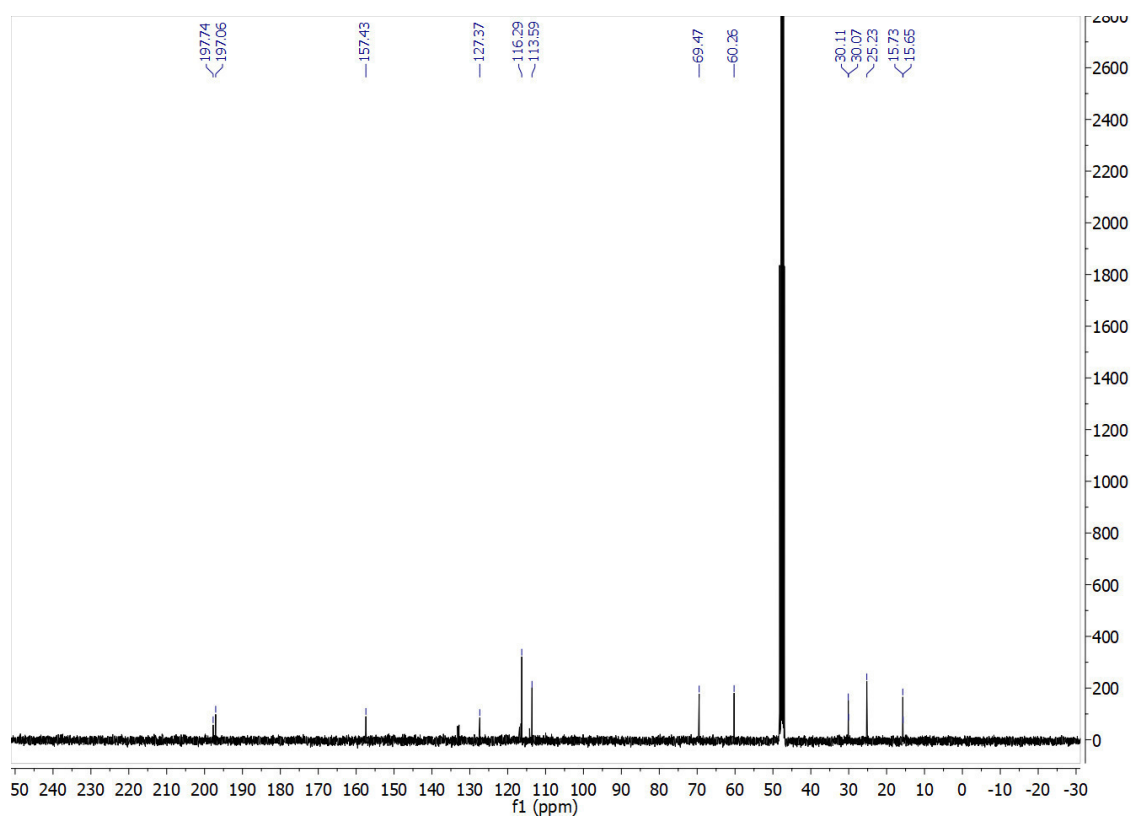


*3-(2-(4-(2-Hydroxyethoxy)-2-methylphenyl)hydrazineylidene)pentane-2,4-dione (32)*

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{Methanol}-d_4$ )

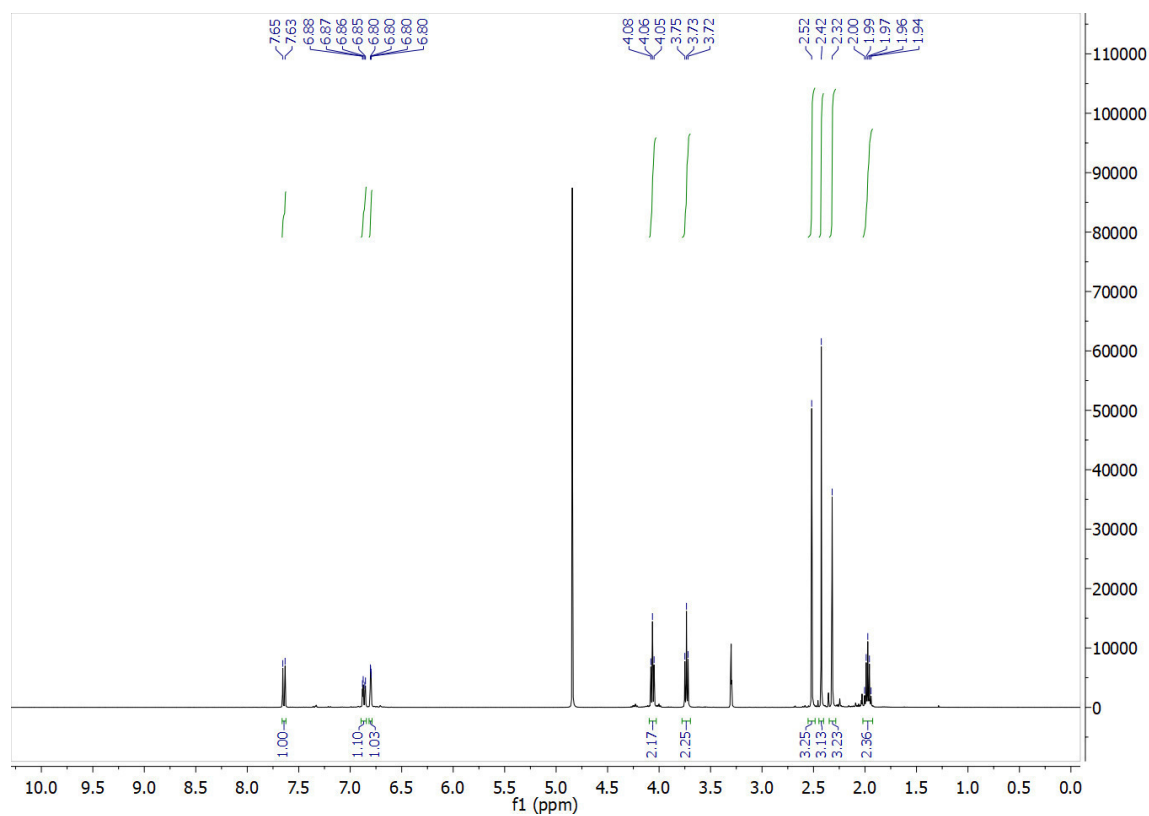


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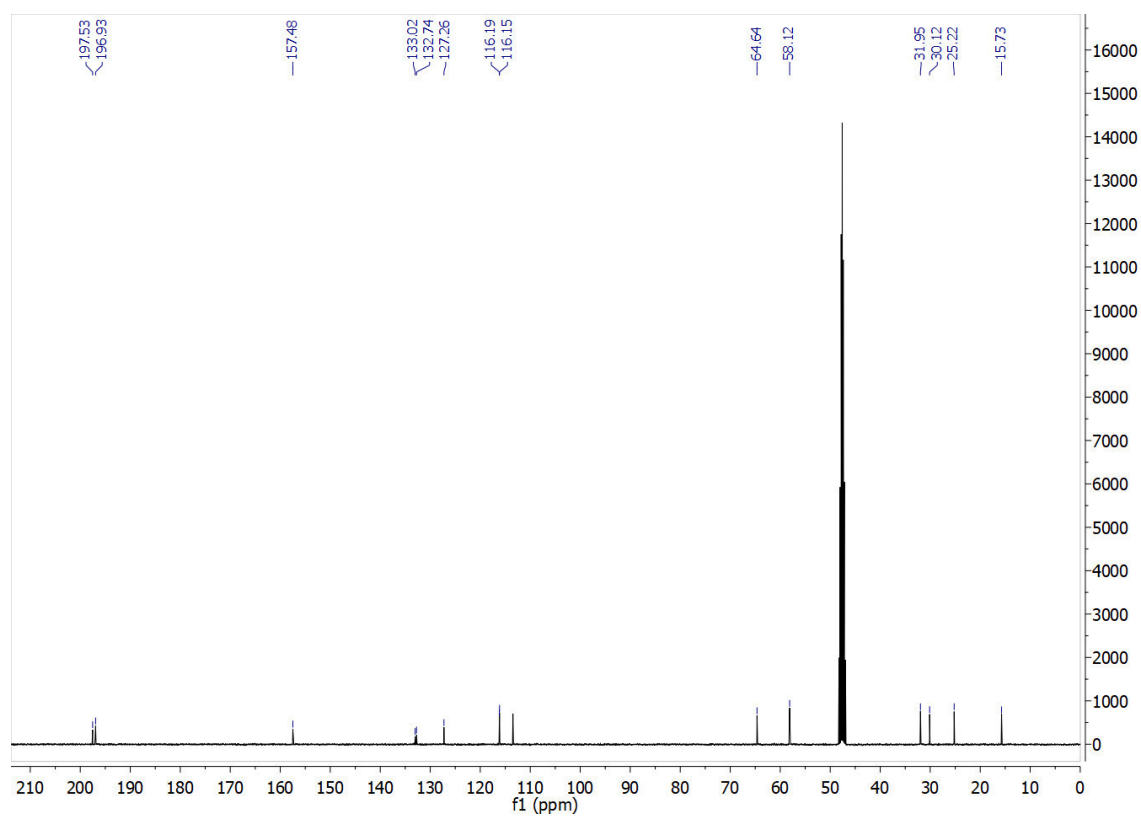


*3-(2-(4-(3-Hydroxypropoxy)-2-methylphenyl)hydrazineylidene)pentane-2,4-dione (32<sup>b</sup>)*

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Methanol- $d_4$ )

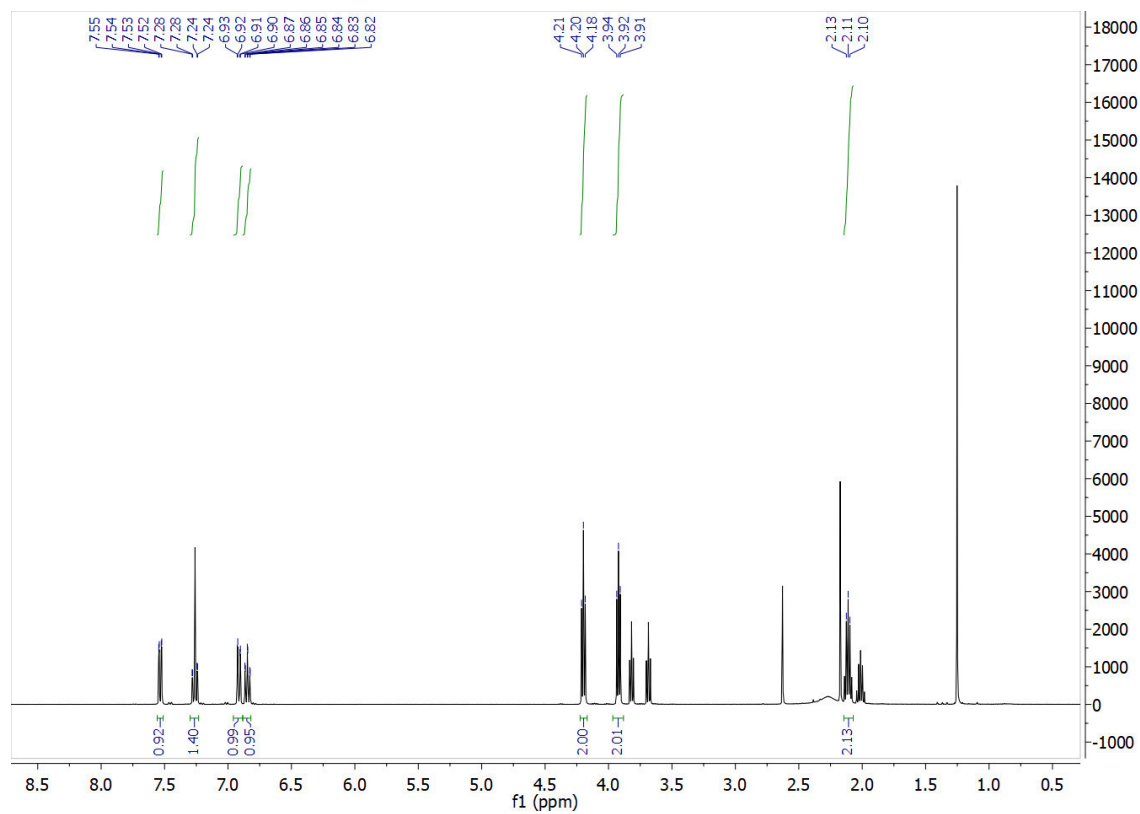


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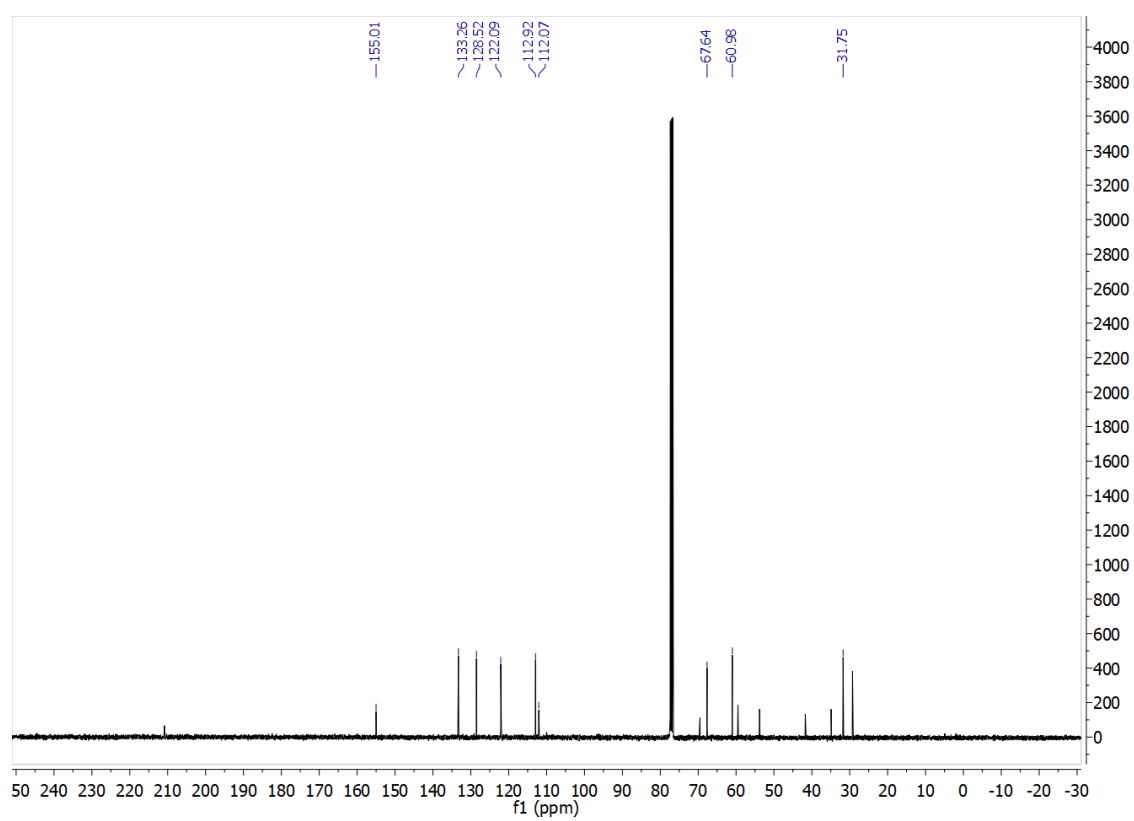
3-(2-Bromophenoxy)propan-1-ol (**39j**)

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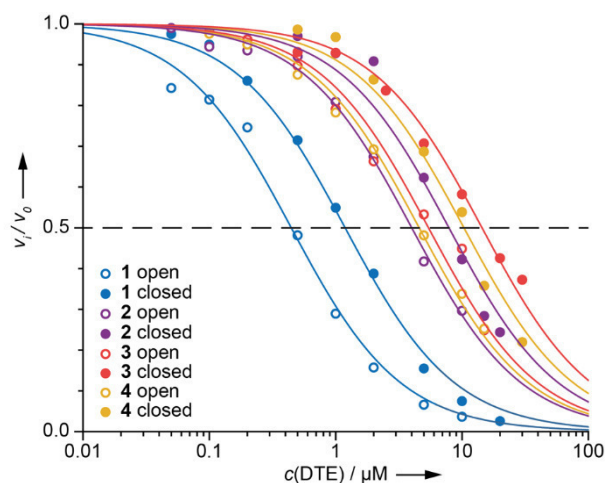




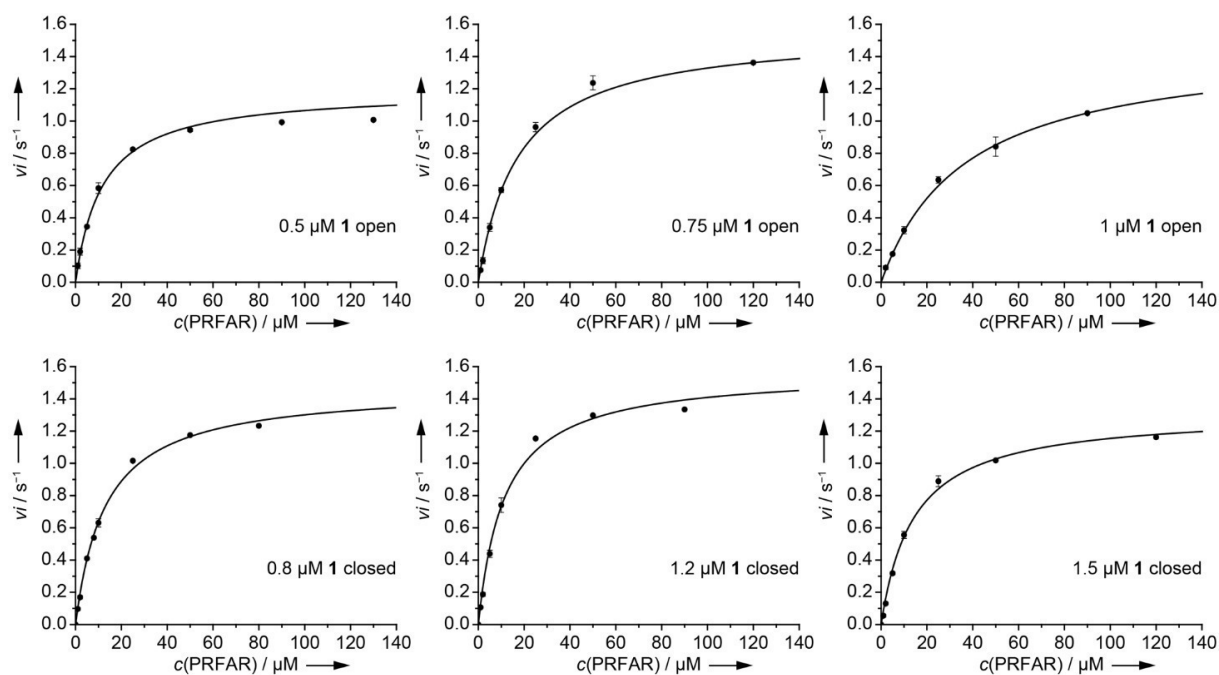
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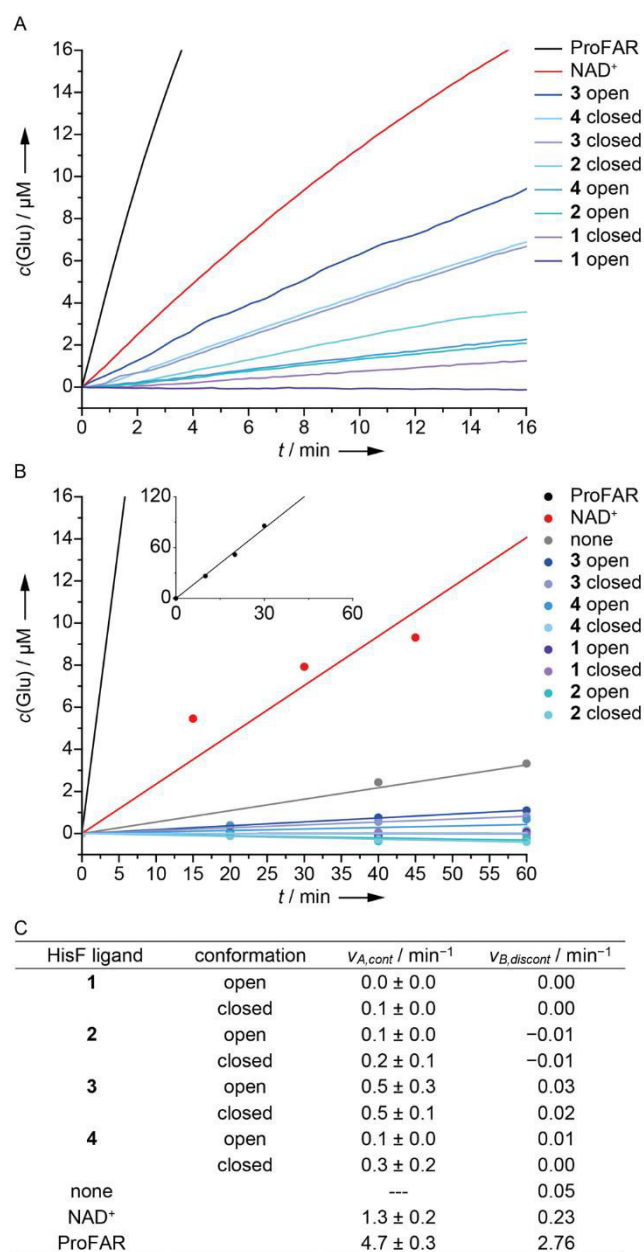
### 3. Biological Evaluation of DTE1–4



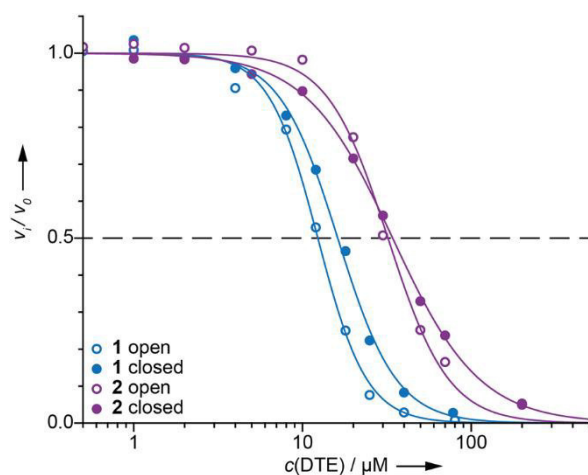
**Figure A2. Related to Table 1.**  $IC_{50}$  inhibition curves of HisF in the presence of compounds **1–4** in their ring-open (open circle) and ring-closed (filled circle) state. Reaction conditions: 50 mM Tris acetate pH 8.5, 100 mM ammonium acetate, 7  $\mu\text{M}$  PRFAR and increasing concentrations (0–30  $\mu\text{M}$ ) of a DTE ligand. The reactions were started by the addition of 0.1  $\mu\text{M}$  ImGP-S. Activities ( $v_i$ ) were normalized by the measured reaction rates without DTE ligand ( $v_0$ ). The  $IC_{50}$  value for each DTE ligand was determined at a  $v_i/v_0$  value of 0.5 representing 50% inhibition.



**Figure A3. Related to Table 1.** Representative substrate saturation curves of HisF in the presence of compound **1** in its open (top) and closed (bottom) form. Reaction conditions: 50 mM Tris acetate pH 8.5, 0.1  $\mu\text{M}$  ImGP-S, 100 mM ammonium acetate, 1–200  $\mu\text{M}$  PRFAR and three succinct concentrations of the DTE ligand **1** that resulted in 30–70 % inhibition in  $IC_{50}$  measurements (see Figure S1). See Table S2 for deduced steady-state kinetic parameters.



**Figure A4:** Effect of compounds **1–4** on HisH activity compared to known HisF ligands ProFAR and NAD<sup>+</sup>. A) HisH transition curves of the continuous assay. Either no ligand (besides NAD<sup>+</sup>), ProFAR, or compounds **1–4** in their open or closed forms were added. Reaction conditions: 50 mM Tricine/KOH pH 8.0, 1  $\mu\text{M}$  ImGP-S, 1g/L GDH, 10mM NAD<sup>+</sup>, 8 mM glutamine, and 40  $\mu\text{M}$  ligand (if applicable). B) HisH transition curves of the discontinuous assay. Either no ligand, ProFAR, NAD<sup>+</sup>, or compounds **1–4** were added. The inset window shows the data points of the ProFAR reaction. Reaction conditions: 50 mM Tricine/KOH pH 8.0, 1  $\mu\text{M}$  ImGP-S, 8 mM glutamine, 50  $\mu\text{M}$  ProFAR or 10 mM NAD<sup>+</sup> or 100  $\mu\text{M}$  DTE ligand. Conditions of the glutamate detection step: 50 mM Tricine/KOH, pH 8.0, 1 g/L GDH 10 mM NAD<sup>+</sup>. C) Initial velocities of the HisH activities in the continuous ( $v_{A,cont}$ ) and discontinuous ( $v_{B,discont}$ ) assay. For further inhibition studies on HisH see also Figure A5.



**Figure A5:**  $IC_{50}$  inhibition curves of HisH in the presence of compounds **1** and **2** in their open (open circle) and closed (filled circle) form. Conditions: 50 mM Tricine/KOH pH 8.0, 10 mM  $NAD^+$ , 8 mM glutamine, 40  $\mu M$  ProFAR and increasing concentrations (0–200  $\mu M$ ) of a DTE ligand. The reactions were started by addition of 1  $\mu M$  ImGP-S. Activities ( $v_i$ ) were normalized by the reaction rate without DTE ligand ( $v_0$ ). The  $IC_{50}$  value for each DTE ligand was determined at a  $v_i/v_0$  value of 0.5 representing 50 % inhibition.

**Table A1. Related to Table 1.** Steady-state kinetic constants and deduced inhibitions constants for the activity of HisF in presence of compounds **1–4** in their ring-open and ring-closed forms.

compound	conformation	$c(\text{compound}) / \mu\text{M}$	$K_m^{app} / \mu\text{M}$	$k_{cat} / \text{s}^{-1}$	$K_i / \mu\text{M}$
<b>1</b>	open	0.50	11.7	1.2	0.2
		0.75	17.4	1.6	0.2
		1.00	36.8	1.5	0.1
	closed	0.80	13.1	1.5	0.3
		1.20	11.4	1.6	0.6
		1.50	14.2	1.3	0.5
<b>2</b>	open	2.50	9.8	1.5	1.5
		4.50	11.3	1.4	2.1
		6.50	13.7	1.1	2.4
	closed	5.00	12.9	1.3	2.0
		6.00	15.6	1.4	1.8
		7.00	19.5	1.4	1.7
<b>3</b>	open	3.00	7.3	1.4	2.9
		4.50	8.5	1.3	3.3
	closed	5.00	9.1	1.3	3.3
		9.00	14.6	1.1	3.0
<b>4</b>	open	2.50	8.2	1.5	2.0
		4.00	11.1	1.5	1.9
		5.50	8.9	1.4	2.7
	closed	5.00	9.3	1.2	3.2
		9.00	7.4	1.3	8.5
		13.00	11.1	1.1	6.3

Three substrate saturation curves were recorded with measurement points at least as duplicates, and at succinct DTE ligand concentrations that resulted in 30-70 % inhibition in  $IC_{50}$  measurements (see Figure S1). By fitting the curves with the Michaelis-Menten equation,  $K_m^{app}$  and  $k_{cat}$  values were determined. Inhibition constants  $K_i$  were calculated as described in the experimental section from the increase of the  $K_m^{app}$  value with respect to the  $K_m$  value in absence of inhibitor. The mean values and standard deviations of  $K_i$  for each inhibitor are given in Table 1.

**Table A2. Related to Figure 5.** Activities prior and after UV-irradiation of HisF-, HisH-, and ImGP-S reactions with compounds **1** and **2** added in their ring-open form.

Figure 6	reaction	HisF ligand	$\nu / \text{min}^{-1}$		activation factor
			prior	after	
A	HisF	<b>1</b>	9.8	25.4	2.6
B	HisH	<b>1</b>	0.5	1.0	2.0
C	ImGP-S	<b>1</b>	6.0	13.5	2.8
D	ImGP-S	<b>2</b>	13.5	13.5	1.0

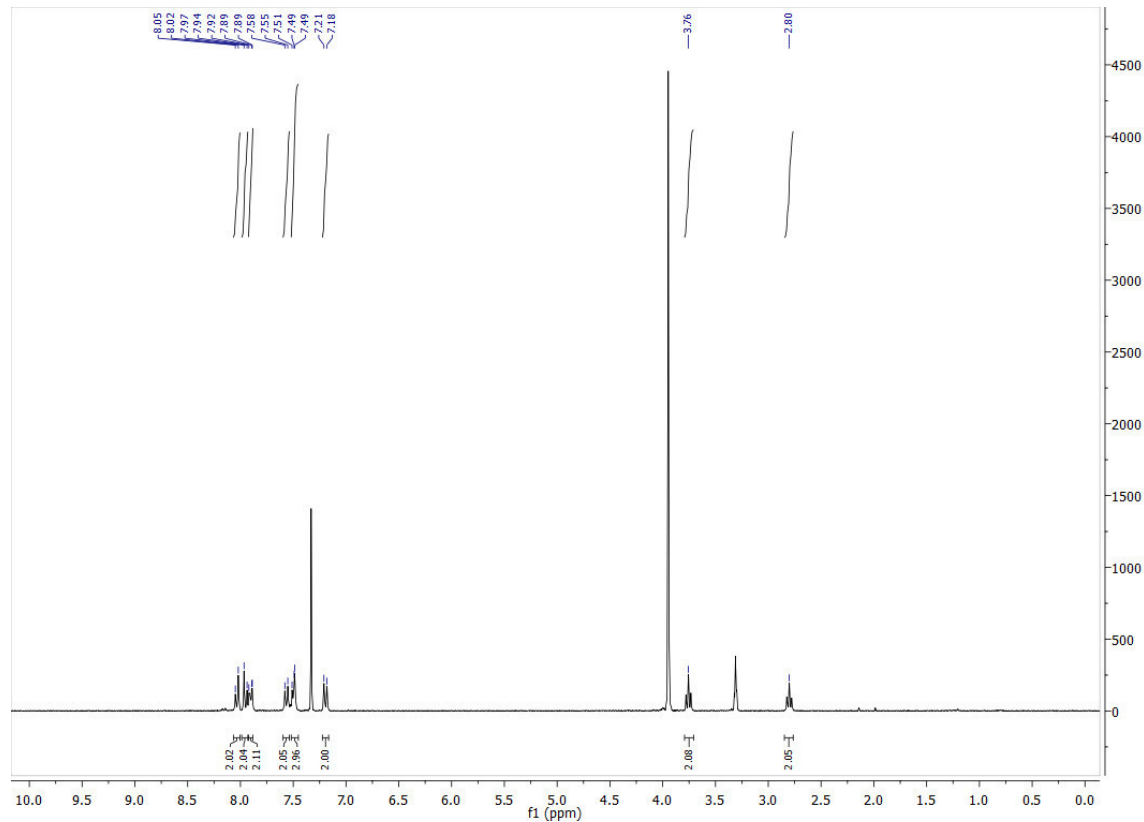
## A.III.2. Photochromic Ligands for the Trp-Synthase Multienzyme Complex

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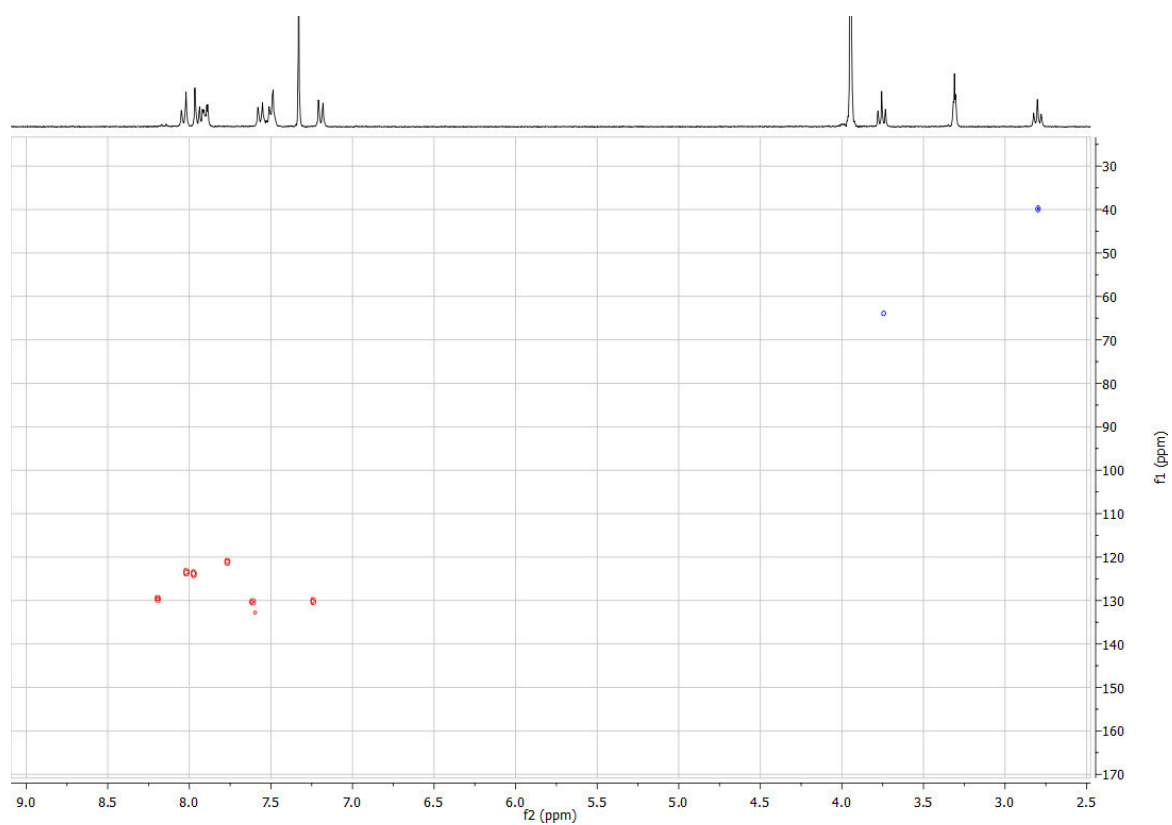
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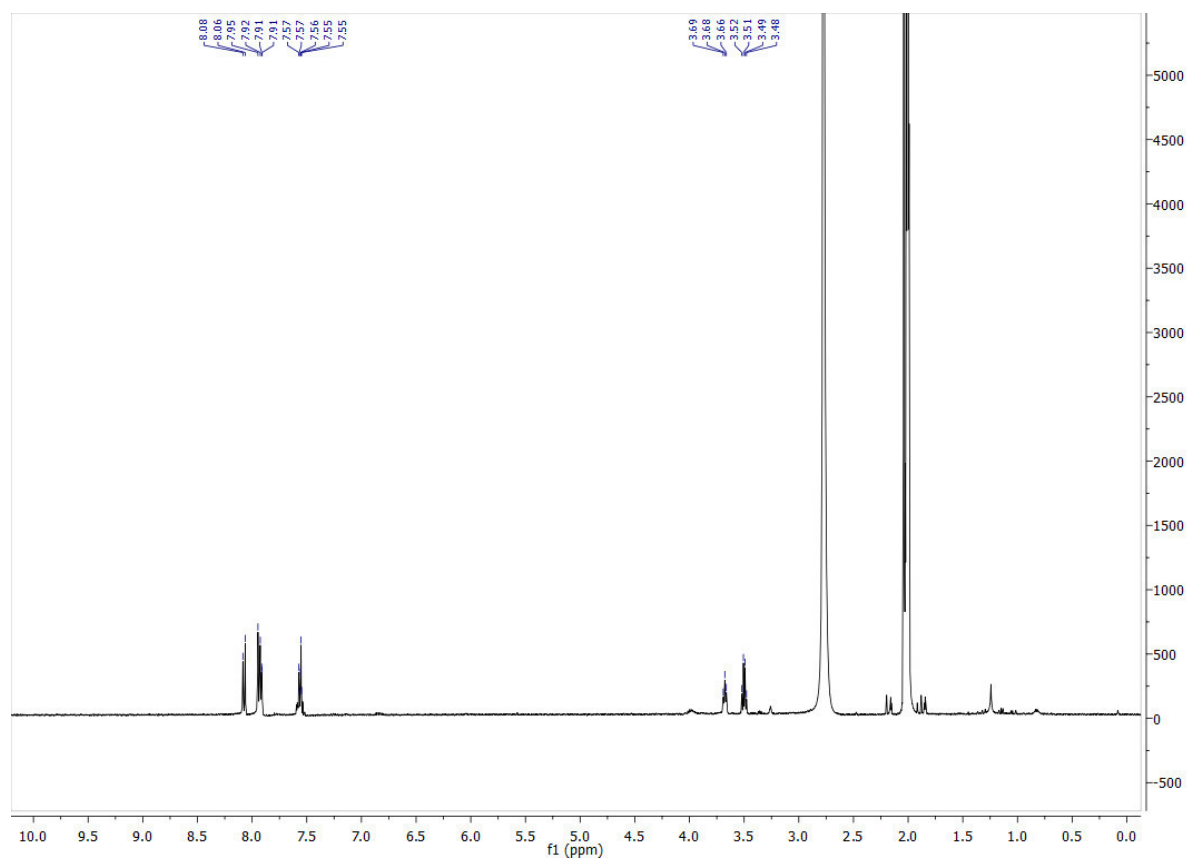




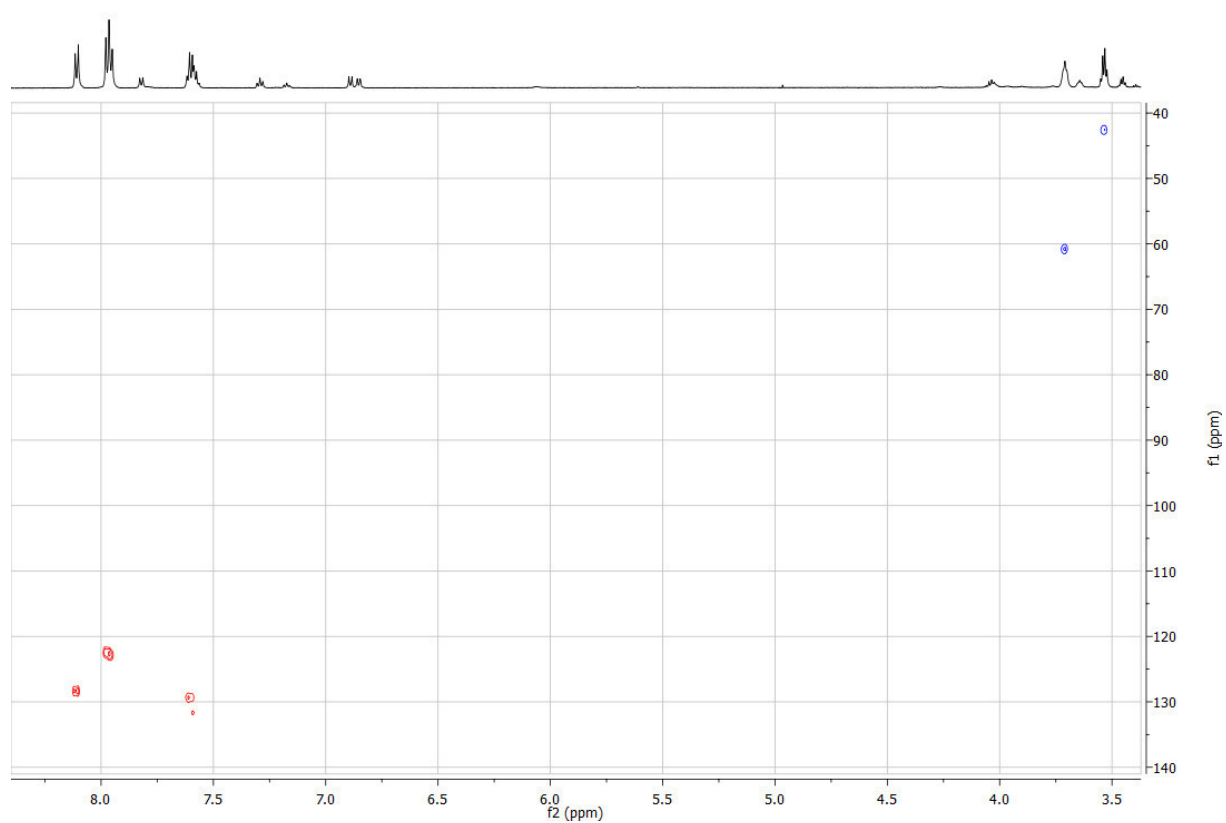
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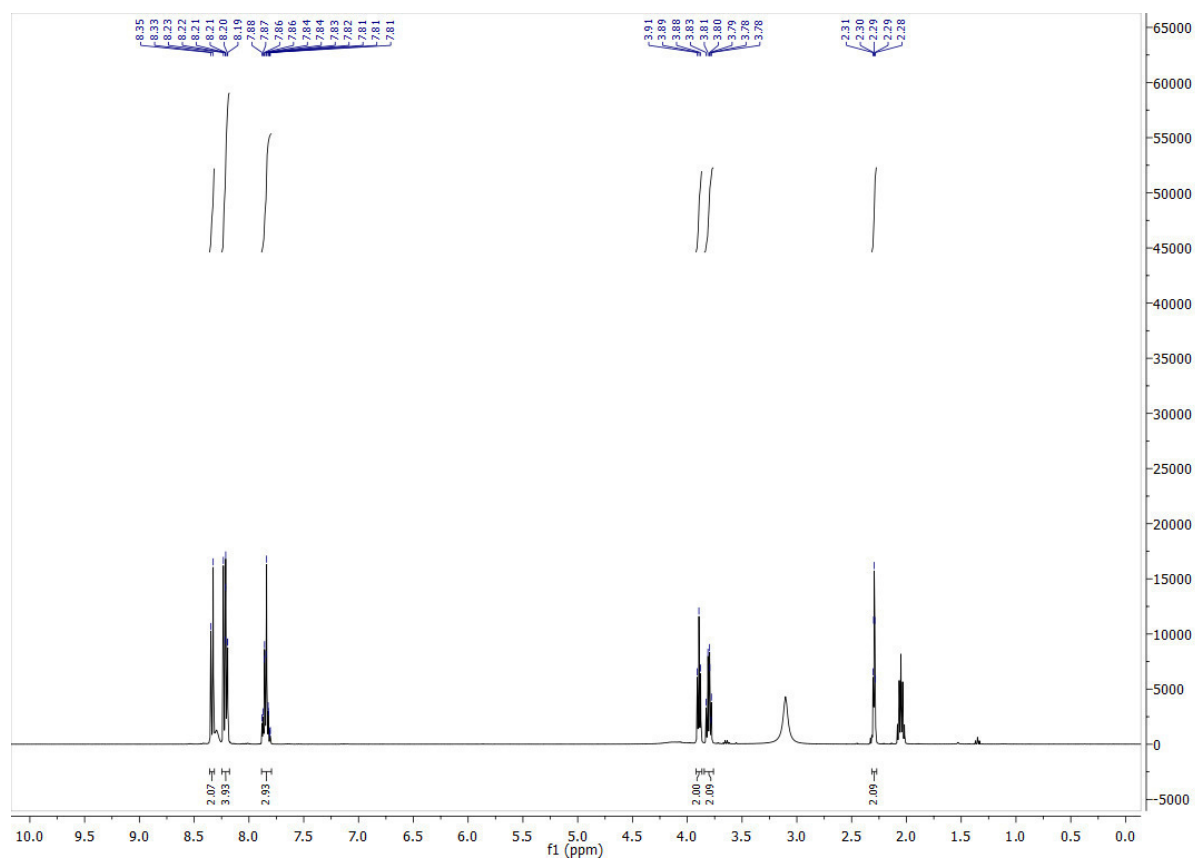
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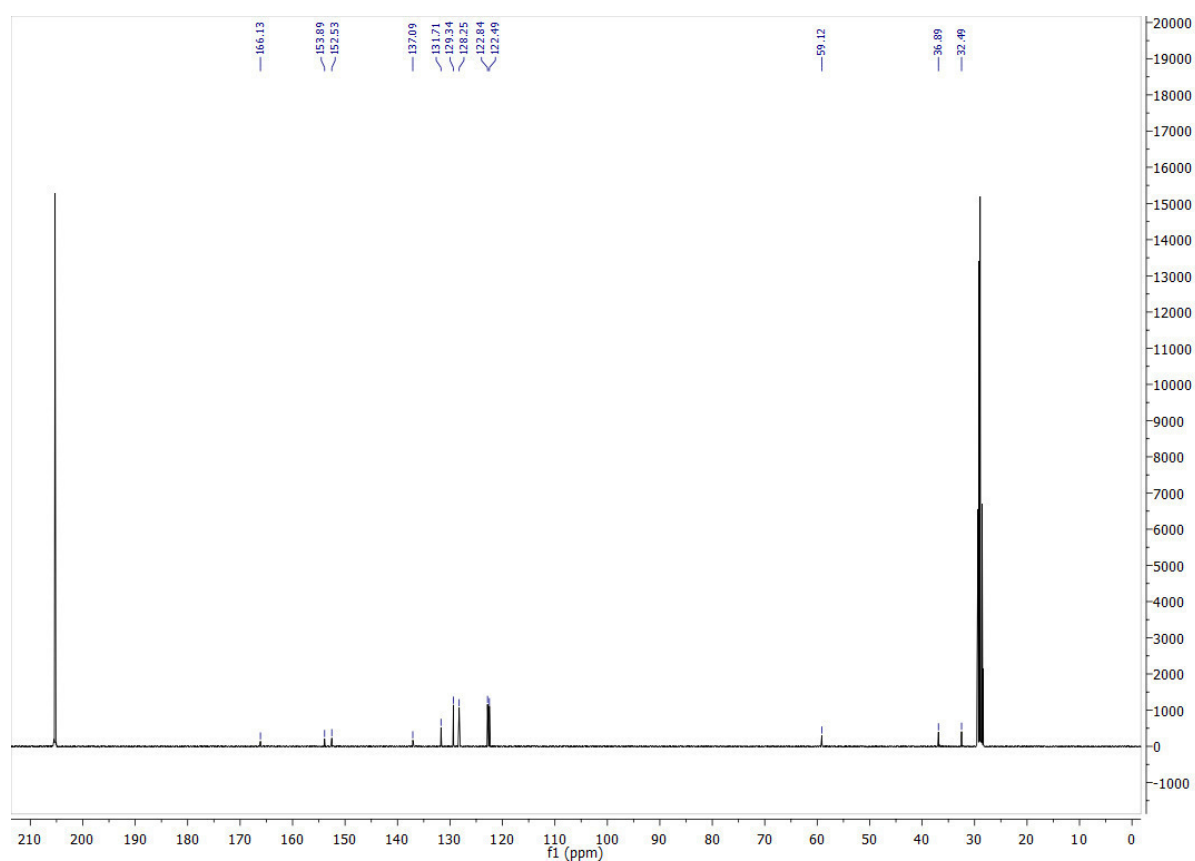
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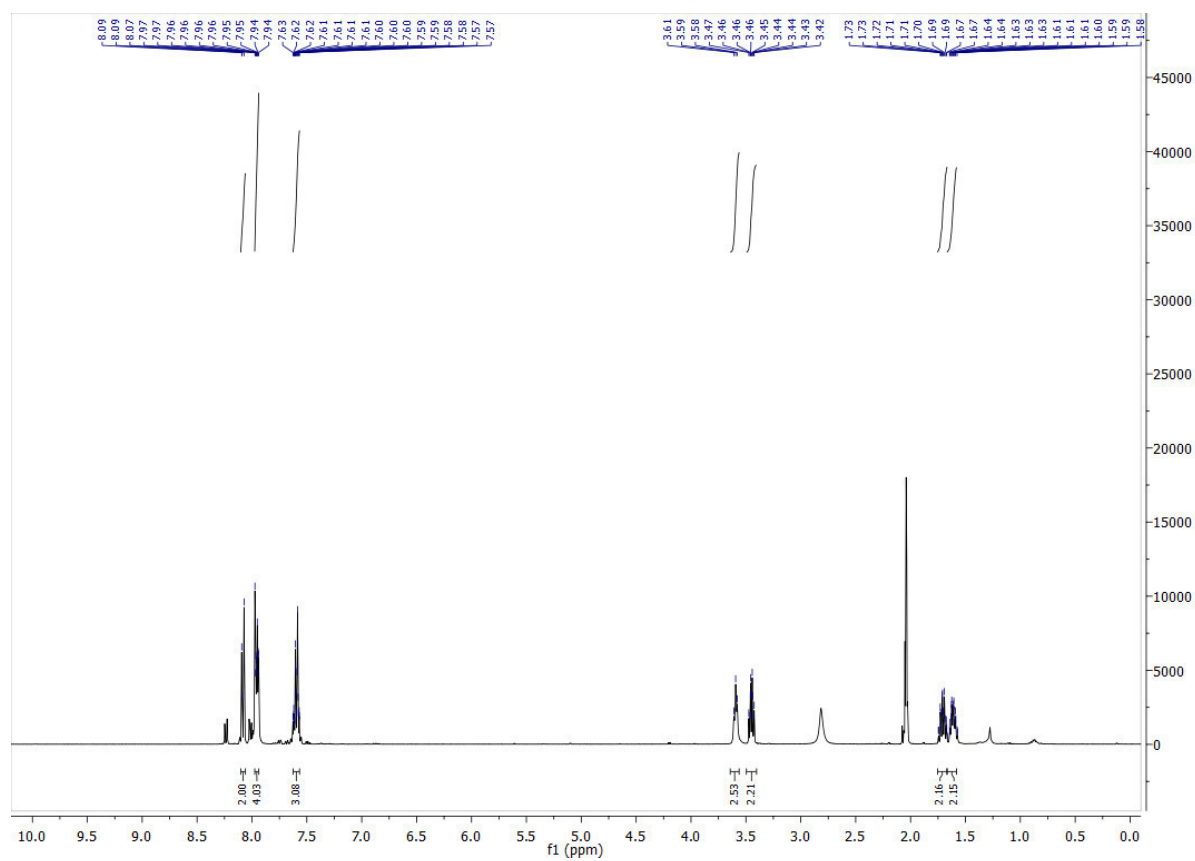
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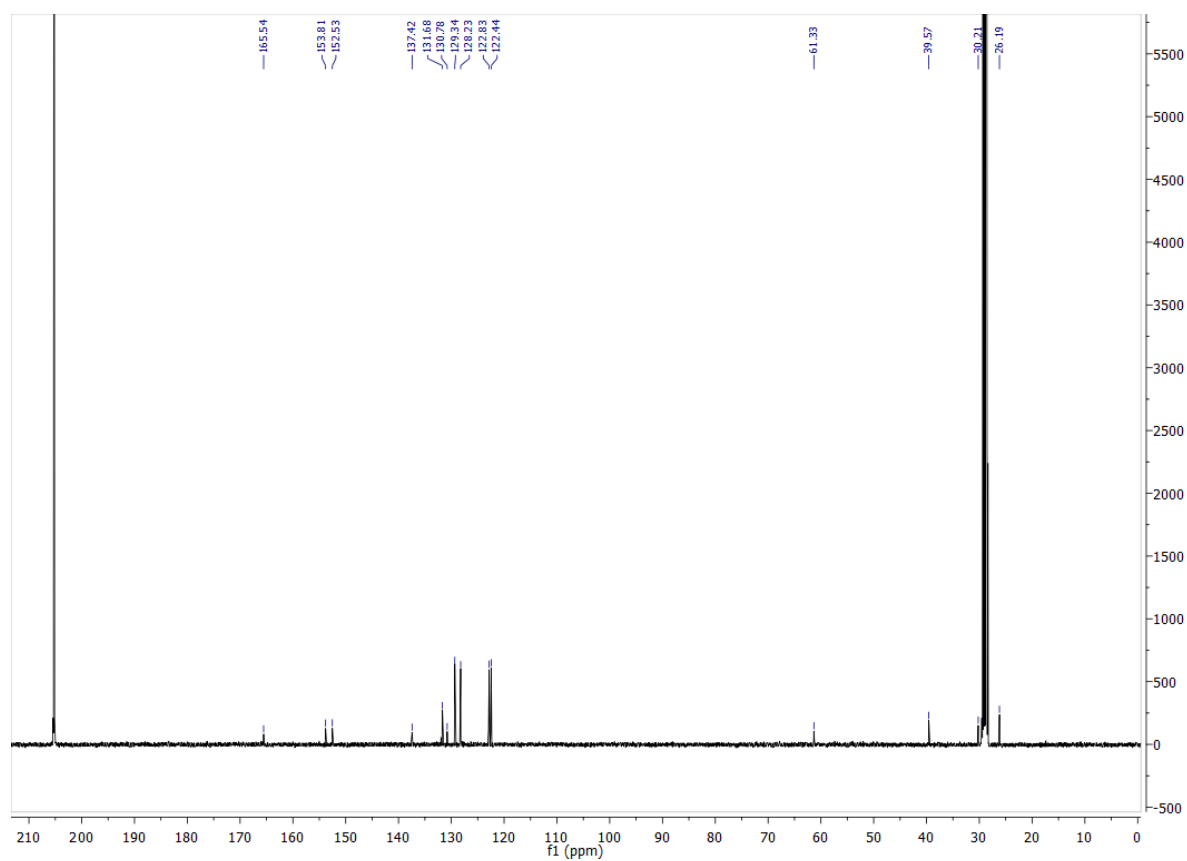
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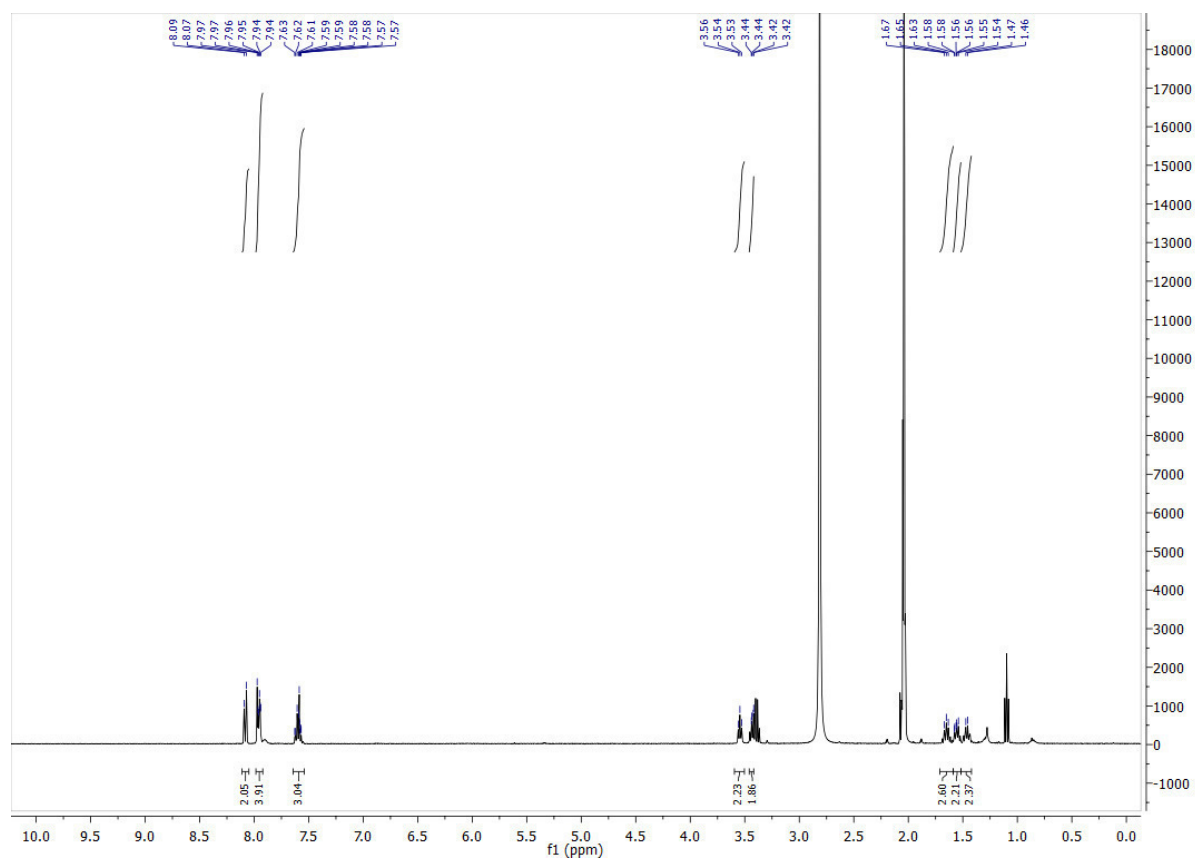
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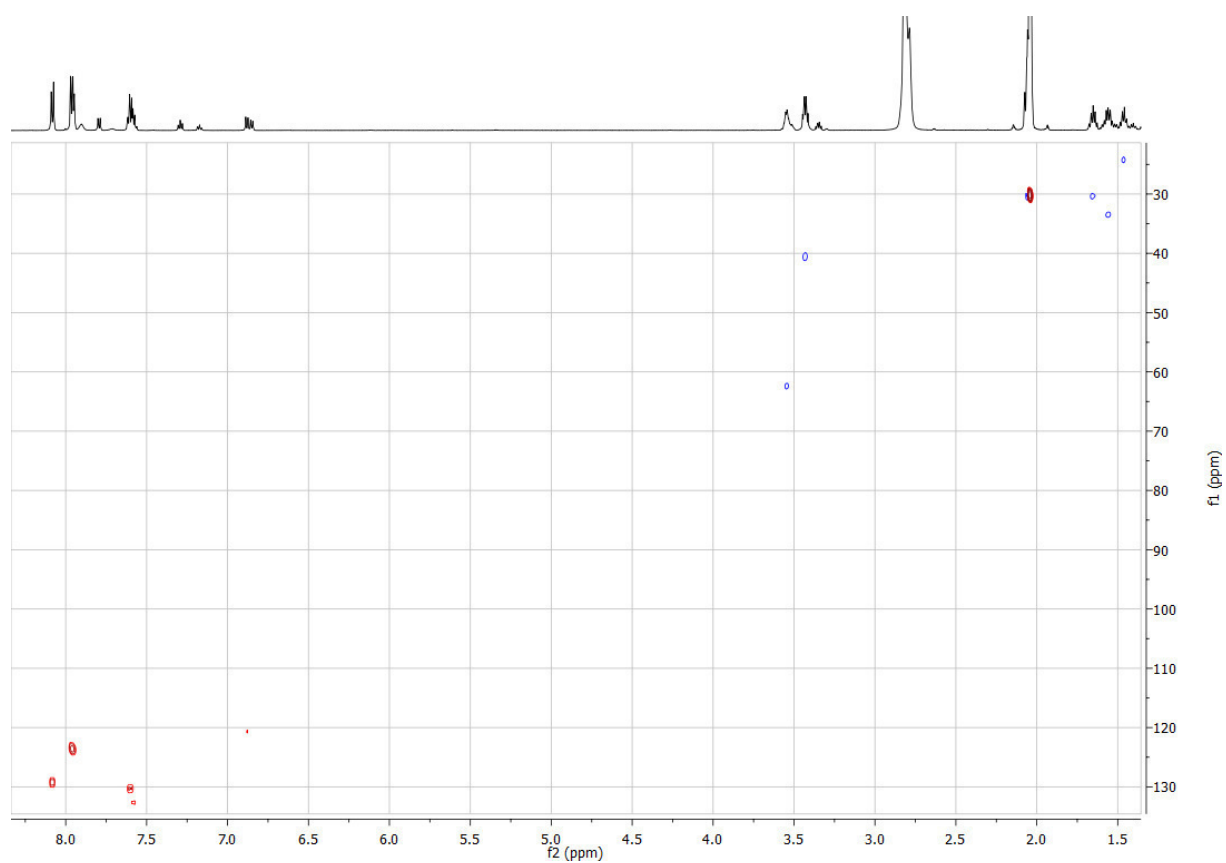
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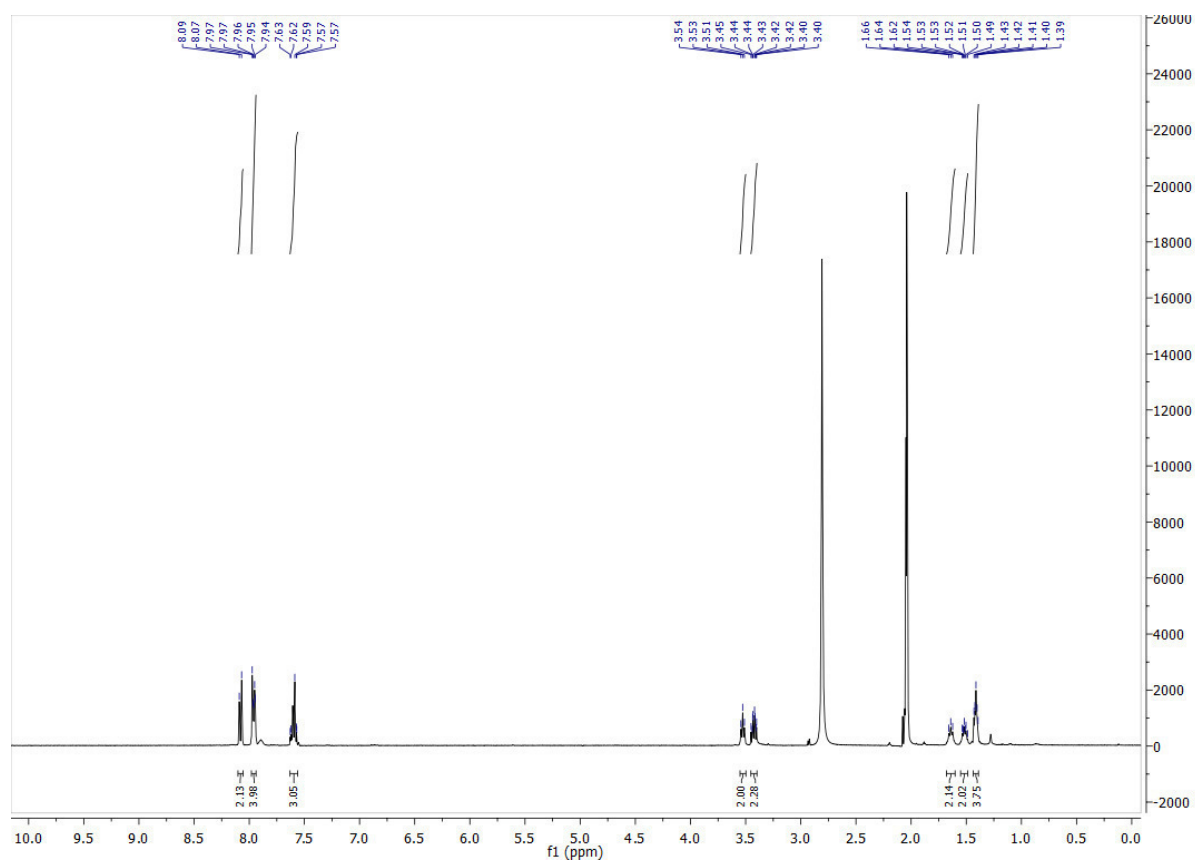
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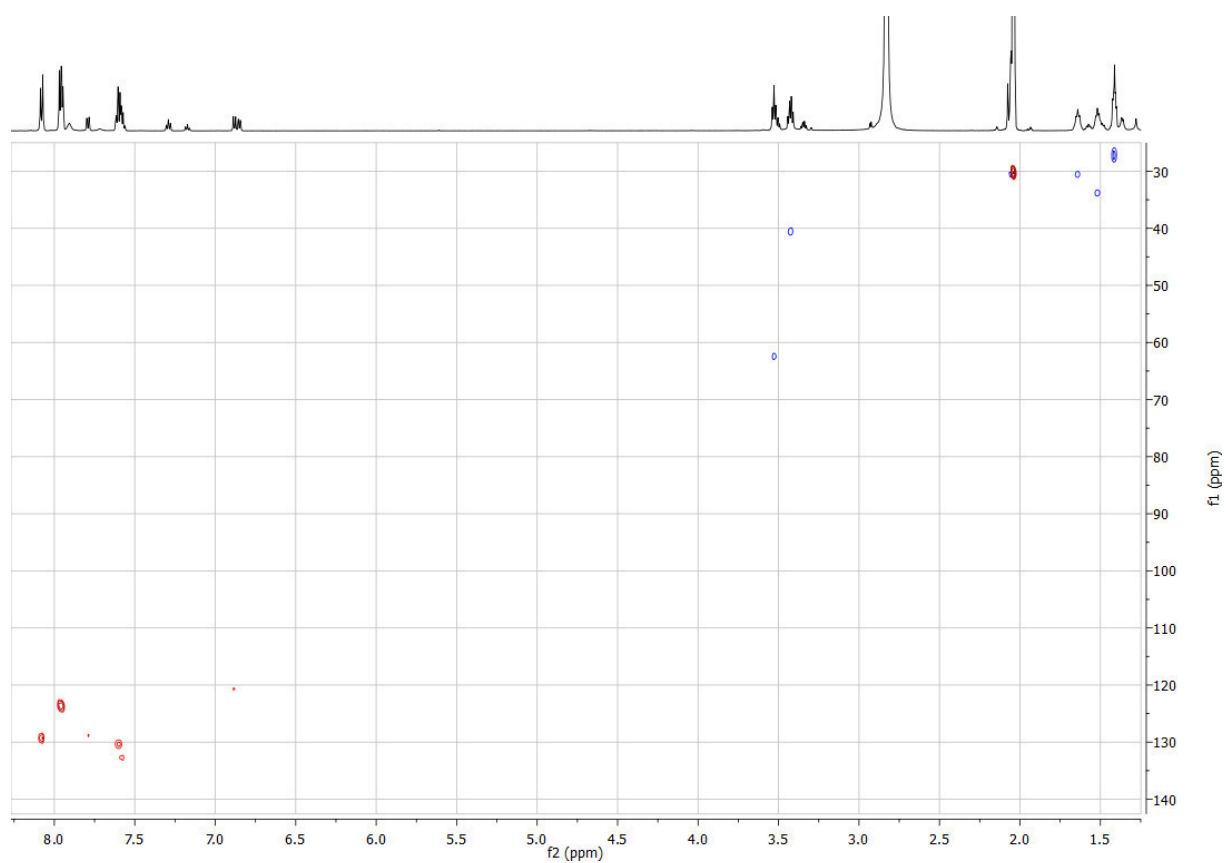
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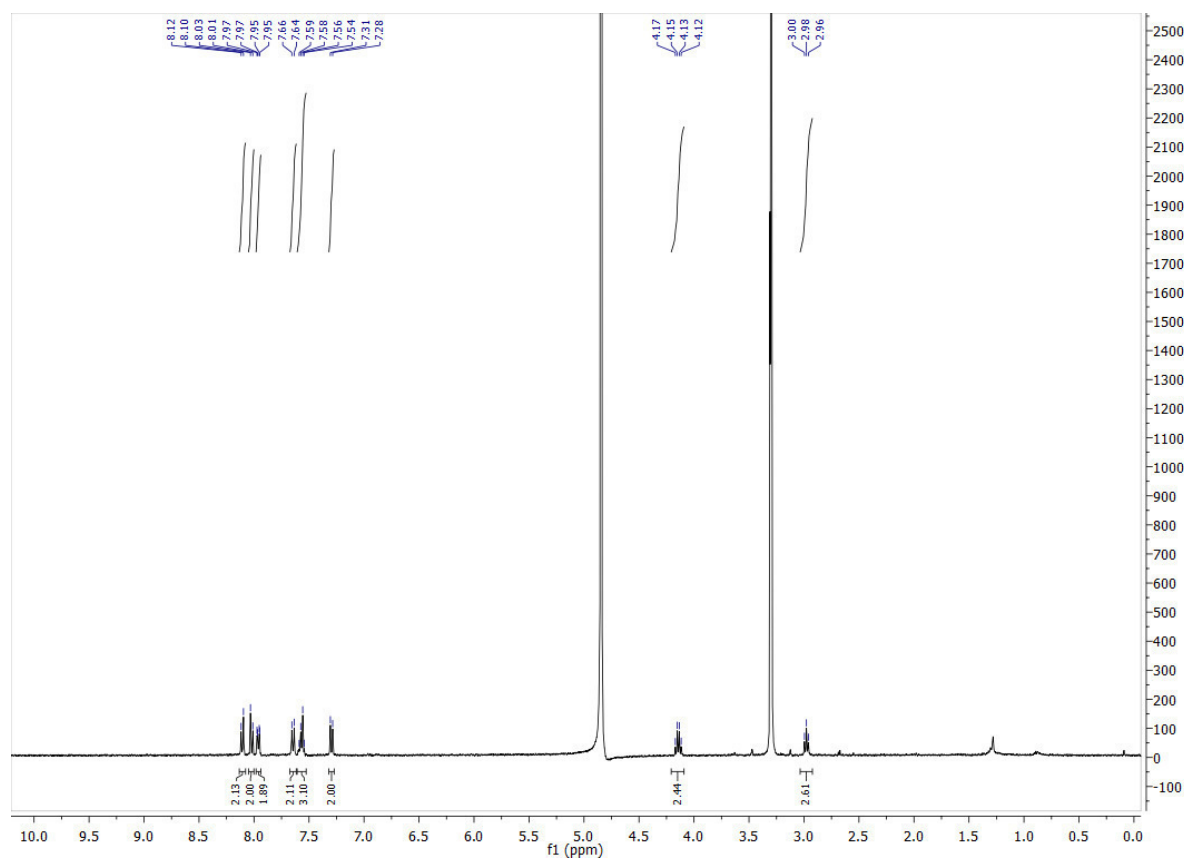
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HSQC (151 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ )

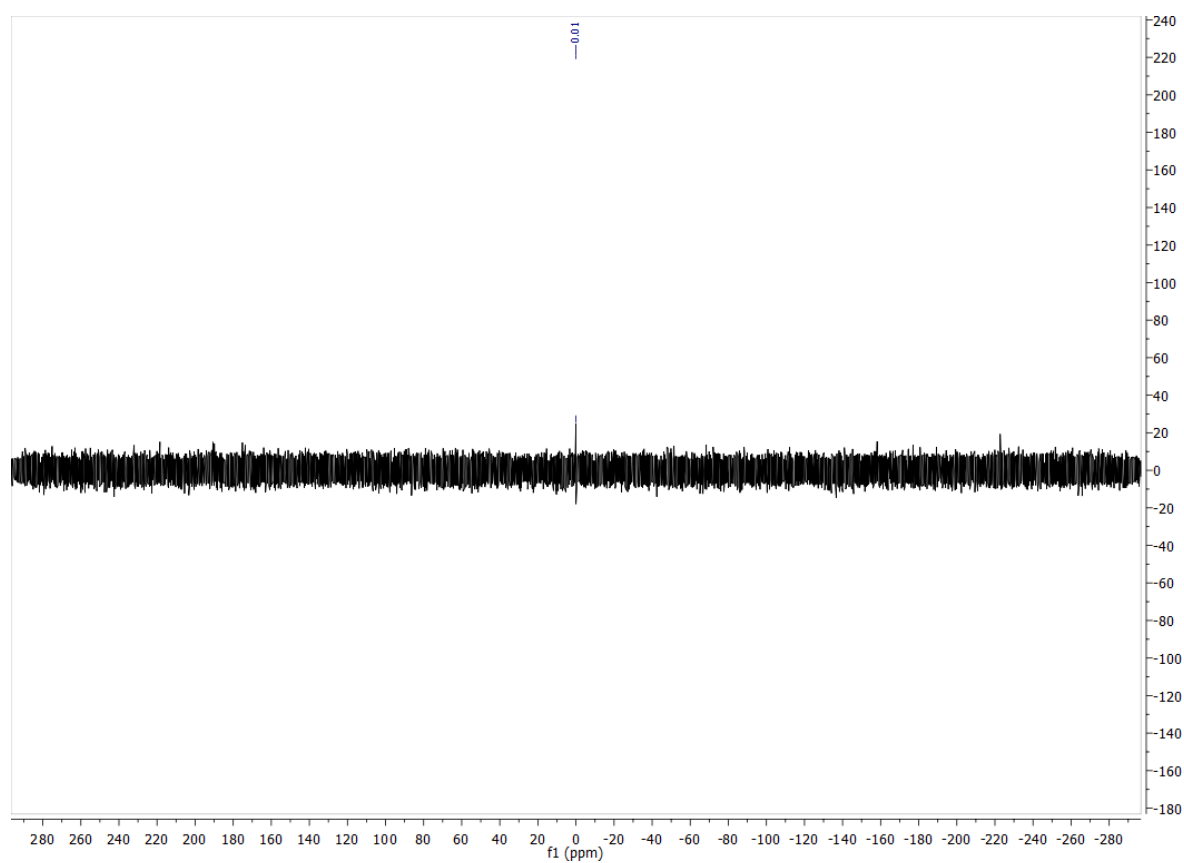


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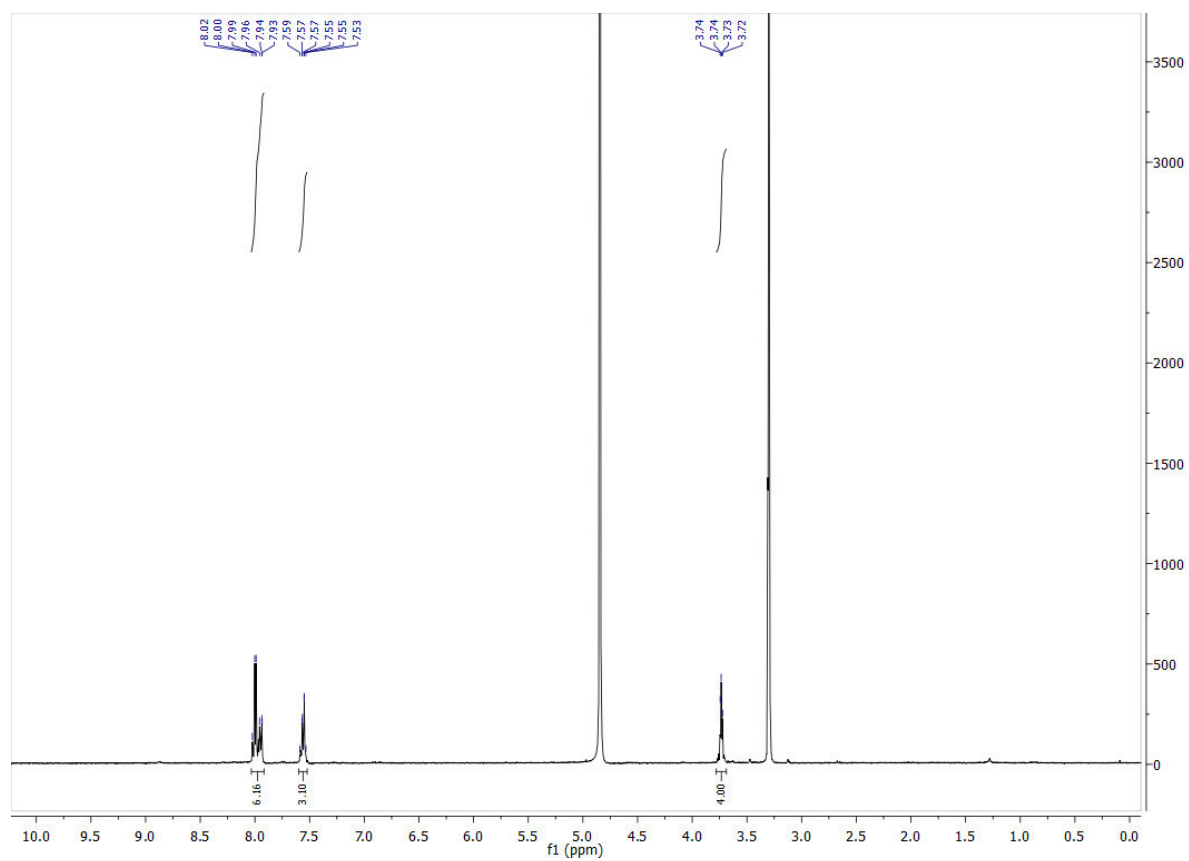


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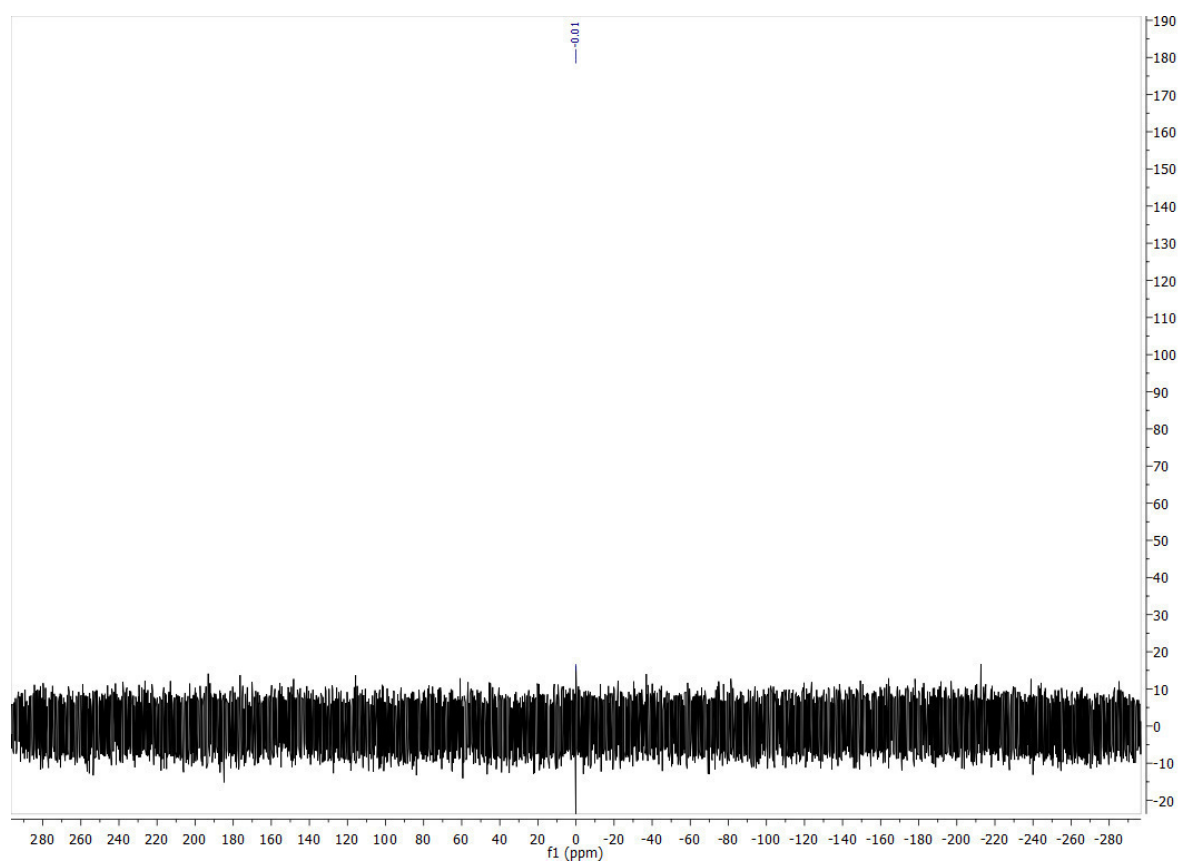


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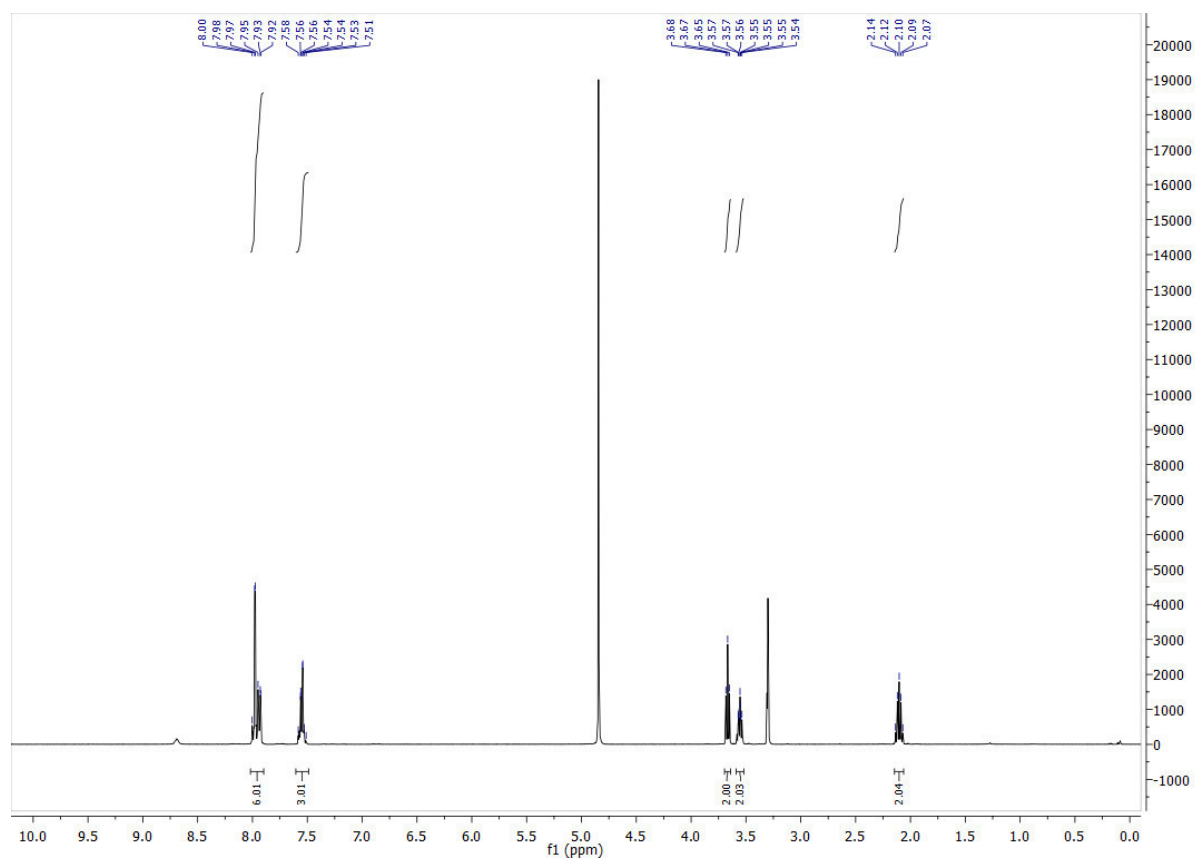


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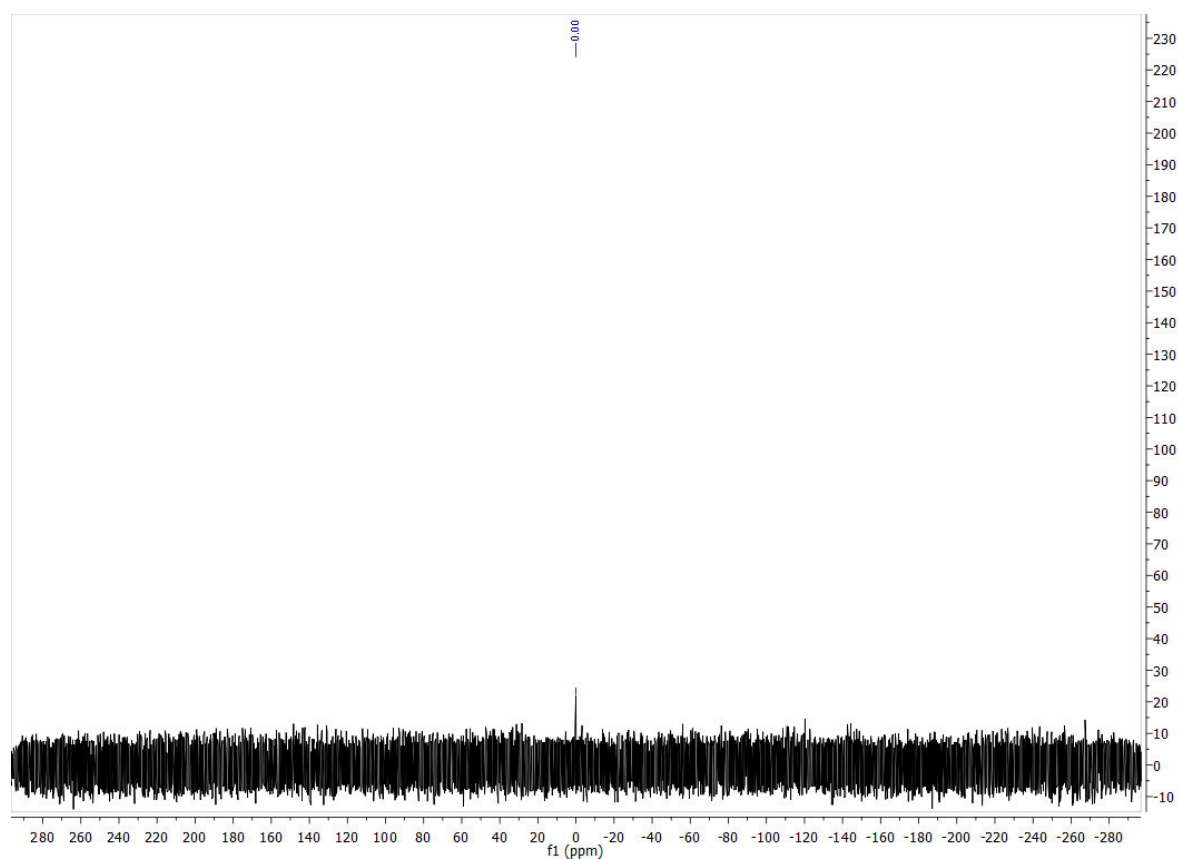


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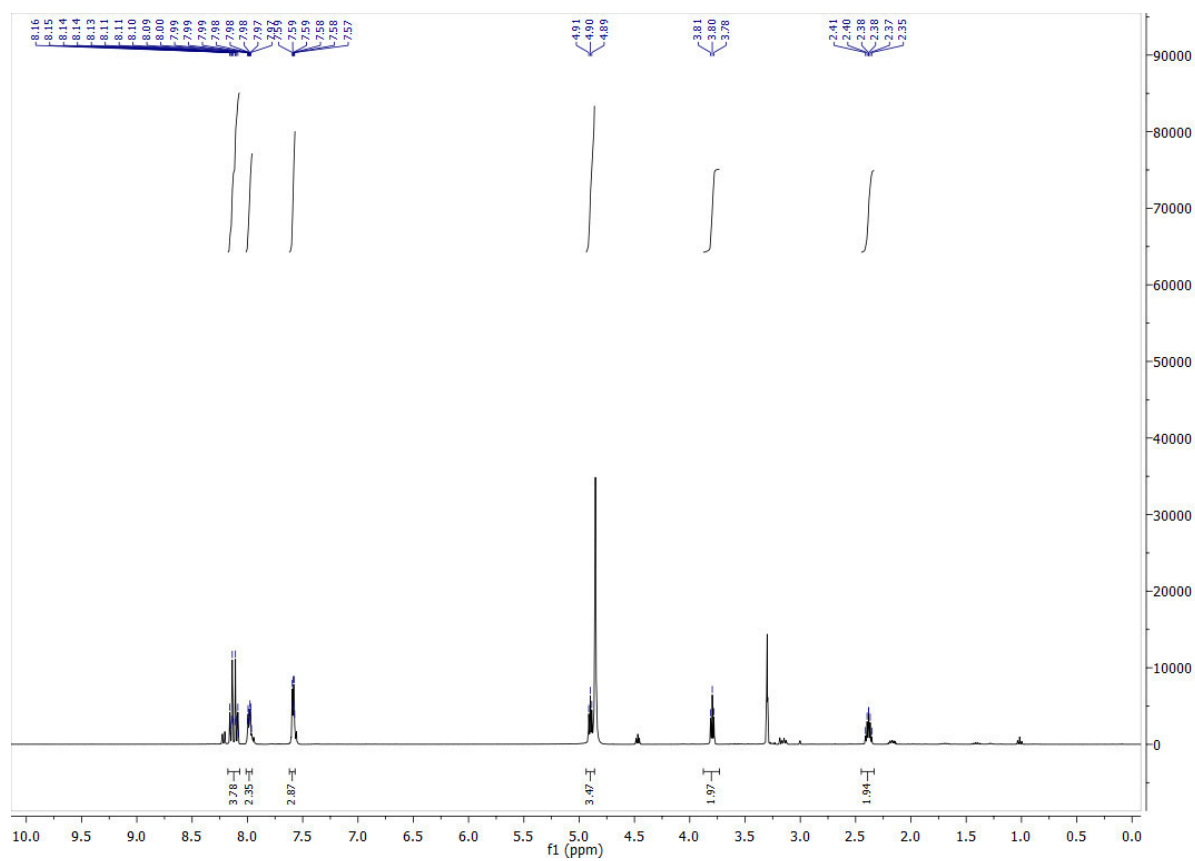




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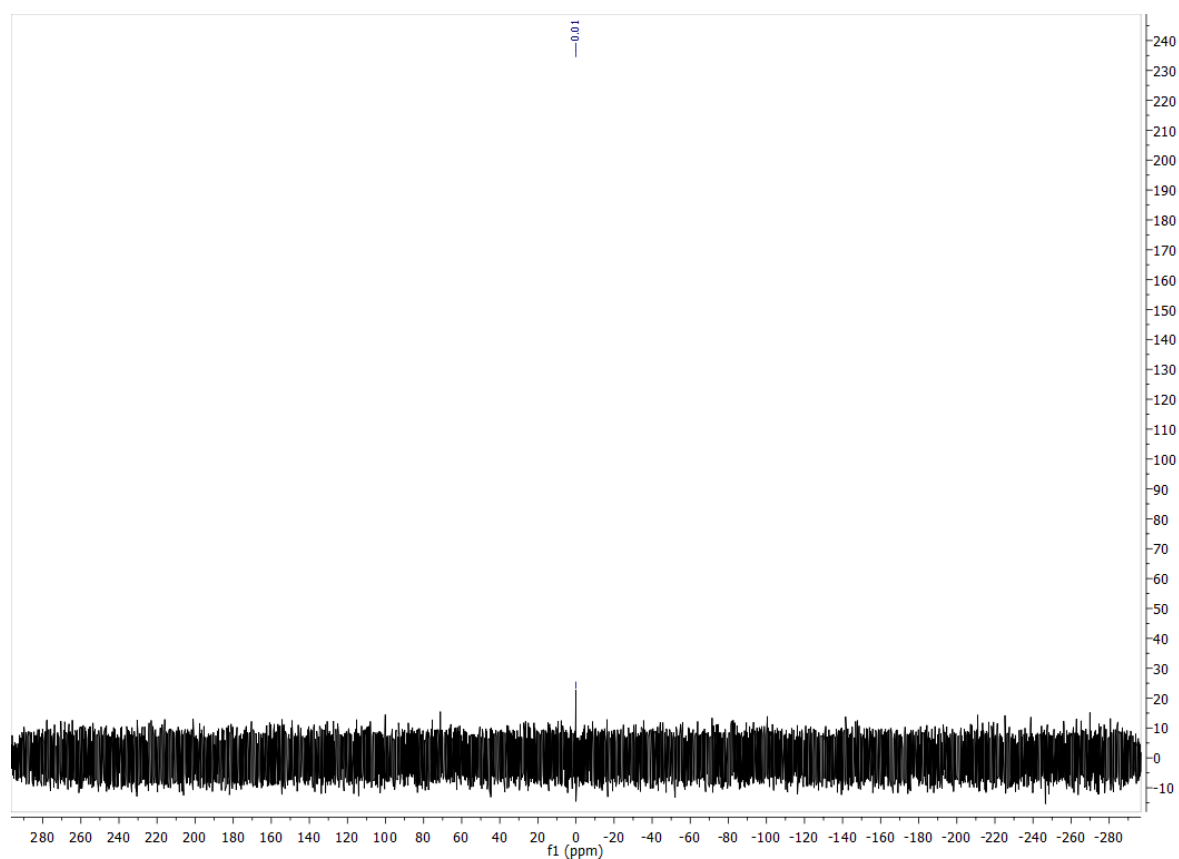


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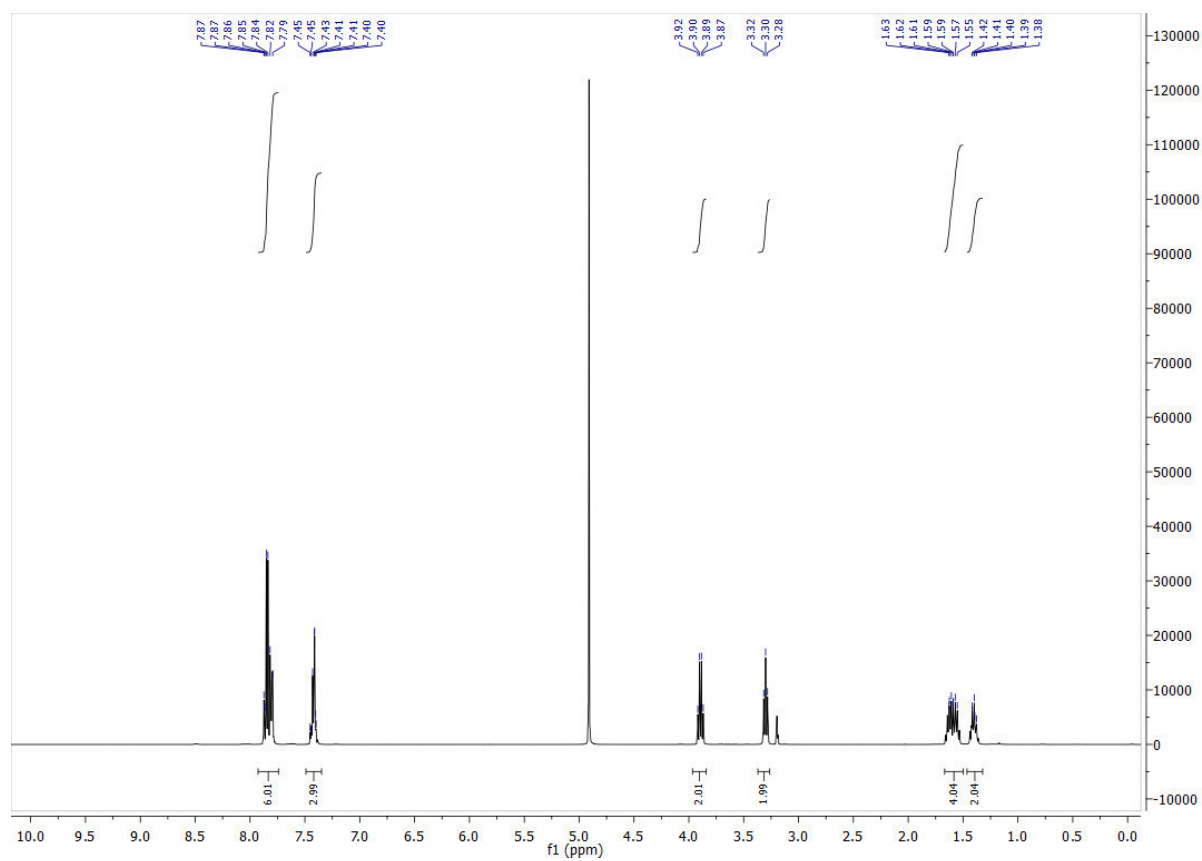


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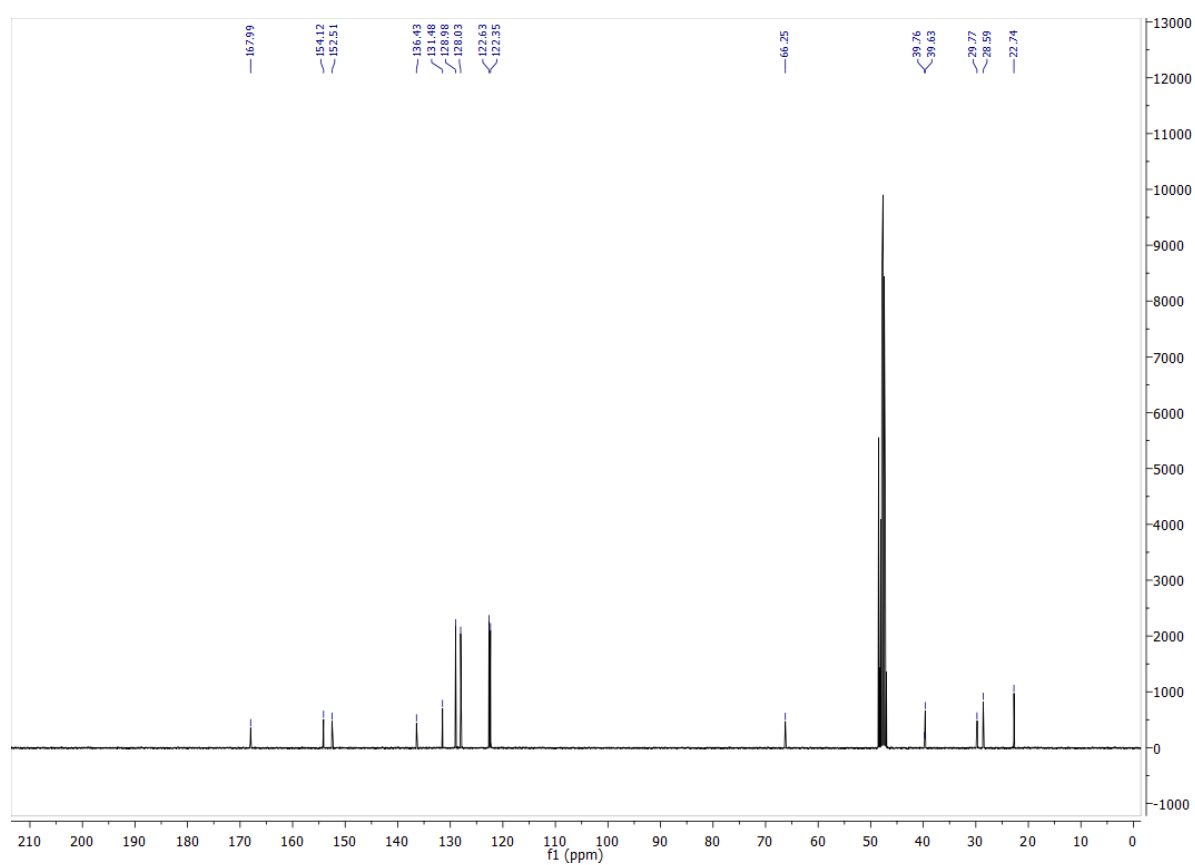


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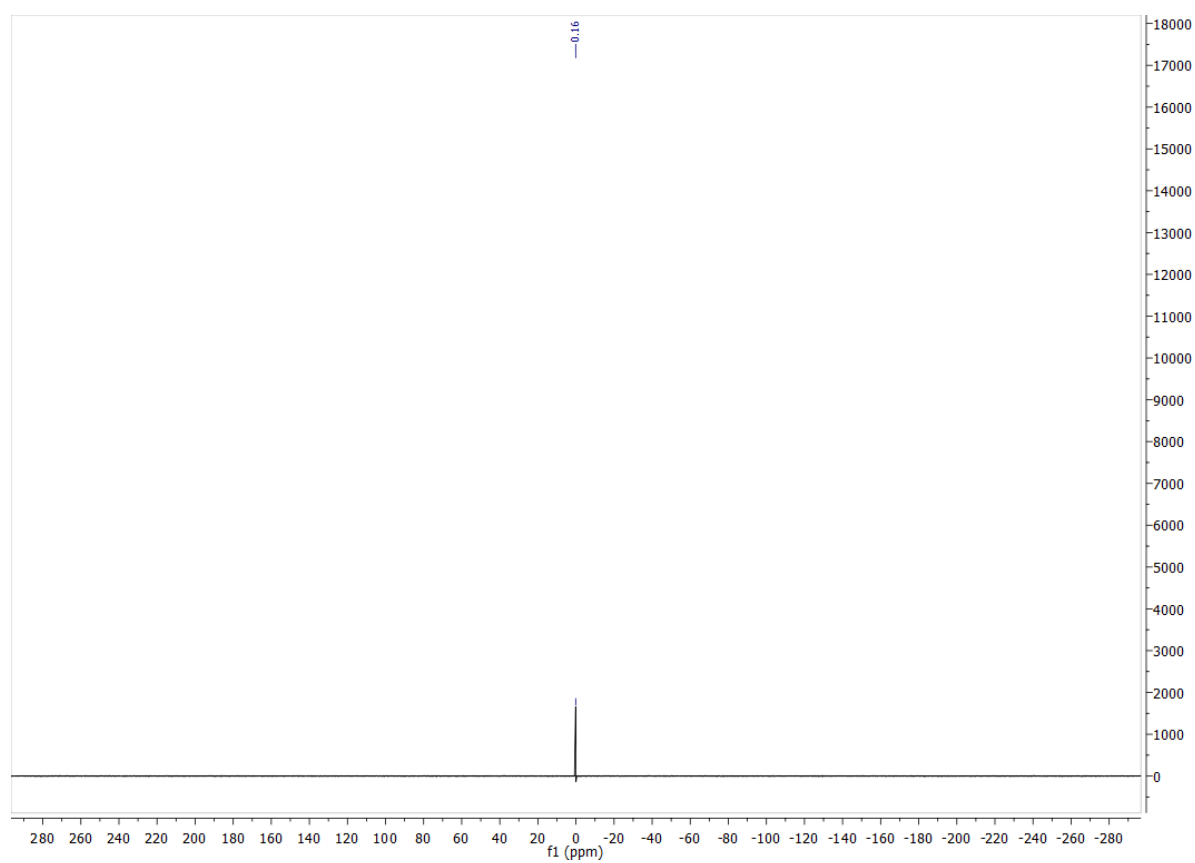


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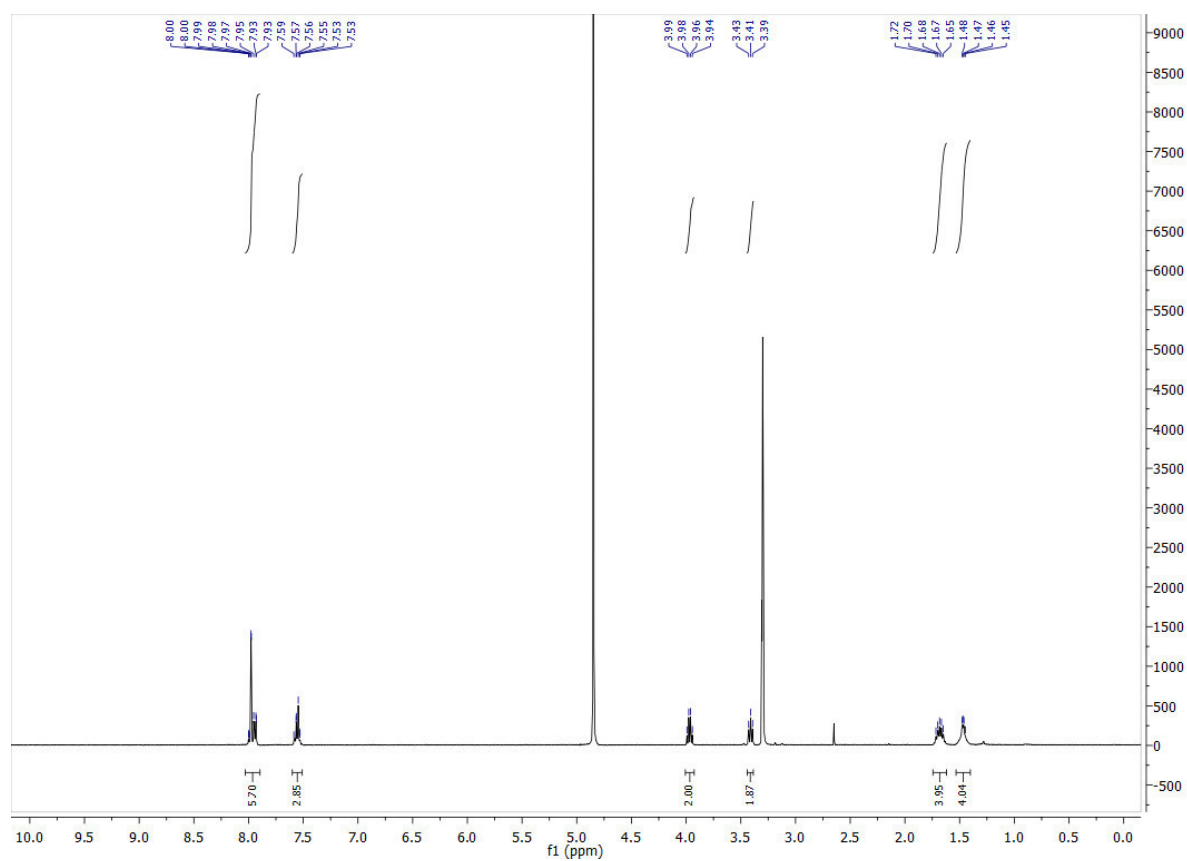


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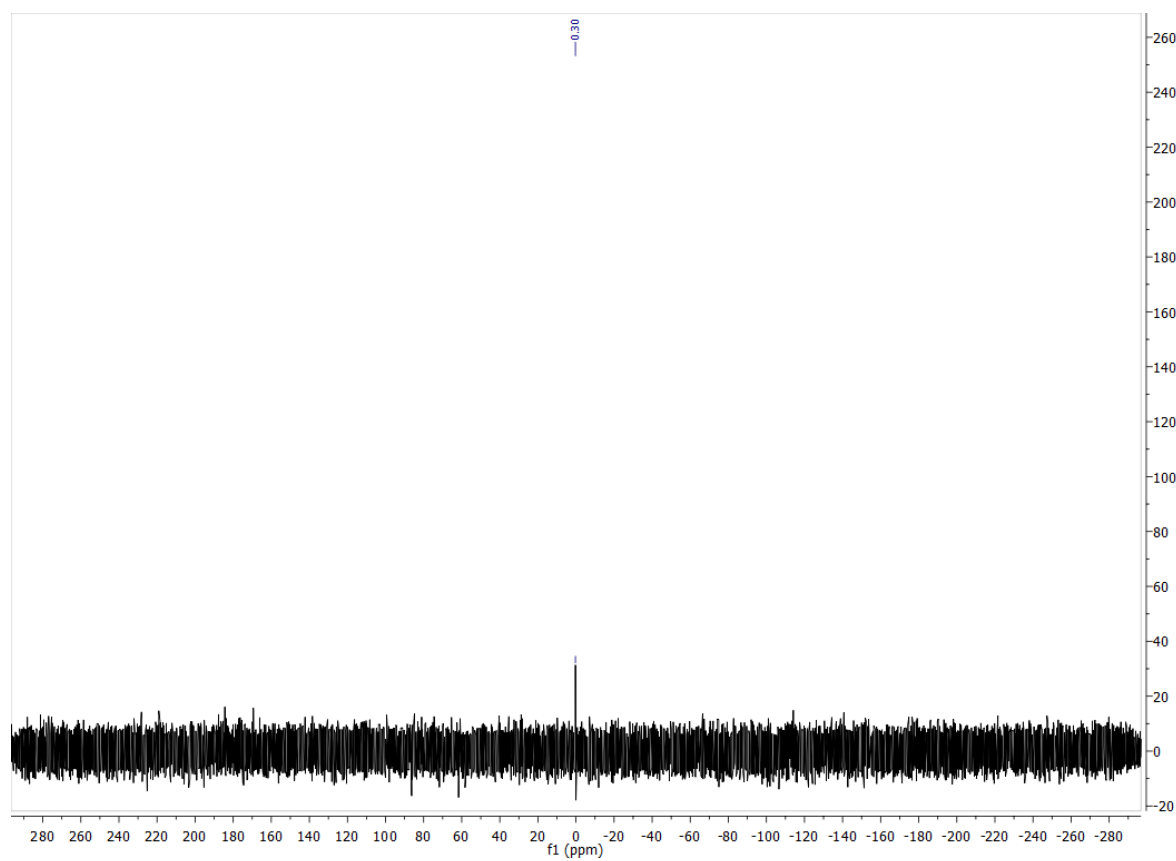


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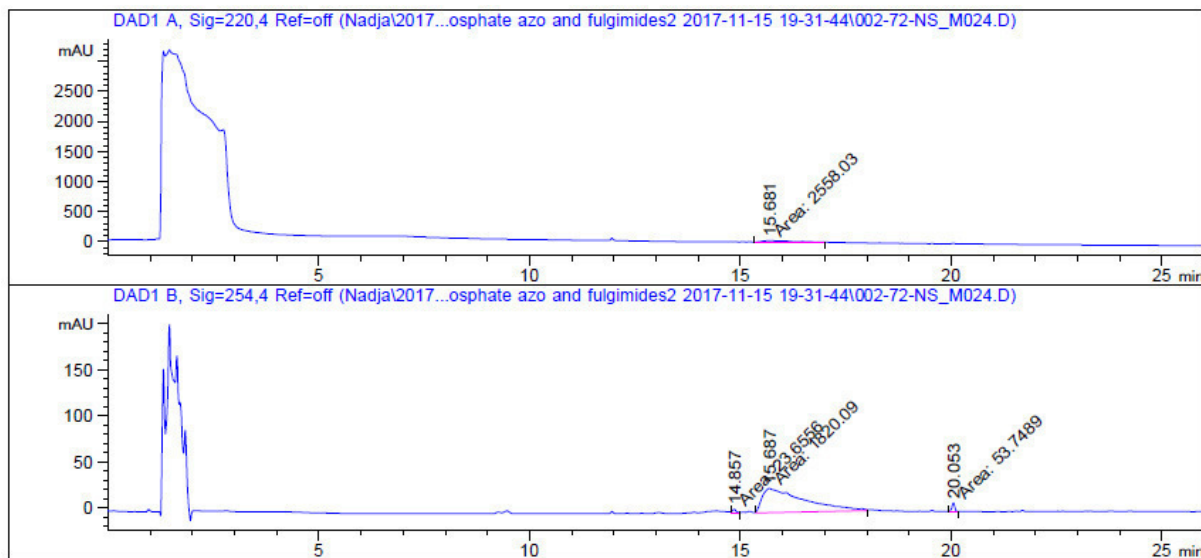


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## 2. HPLC Traces

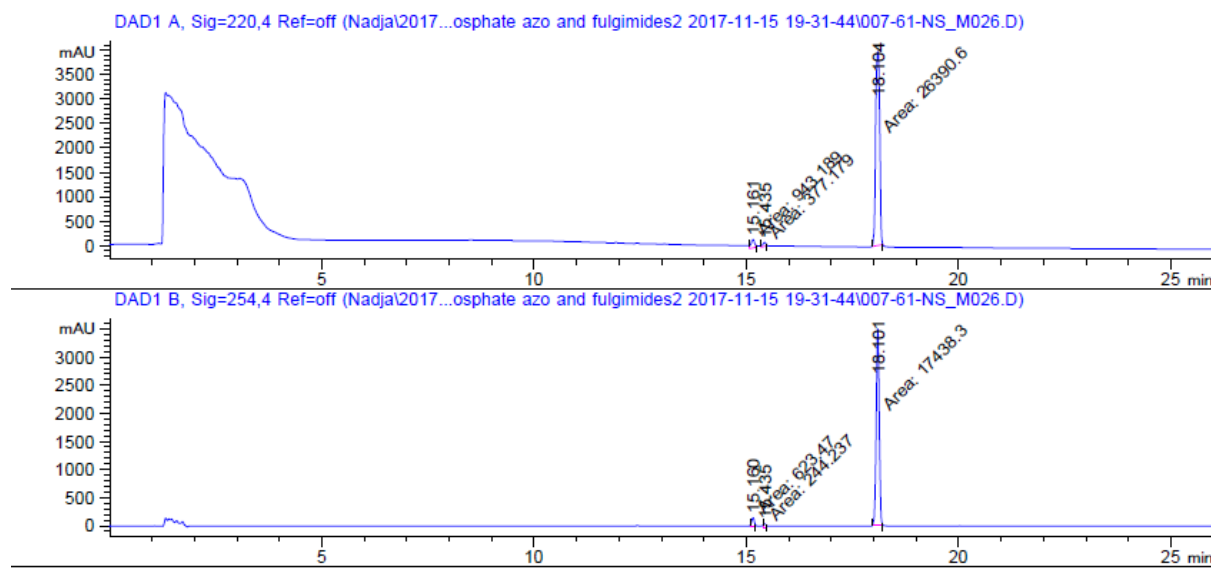
Method: 5-95% MeCN in H<sub>2</sub>O/0.05% TFA in 20 min + 5min 98% MeCN in H<sub>2</sub>O/0.05% TFA

4a



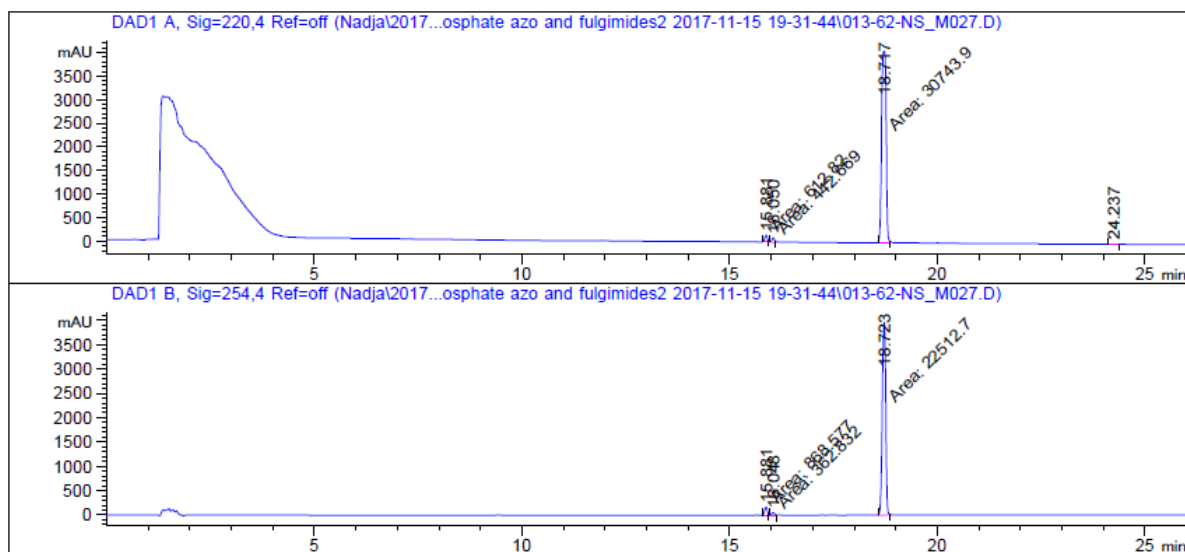
>99% purity (220nm), 96% purity (254 nm trace).

4c



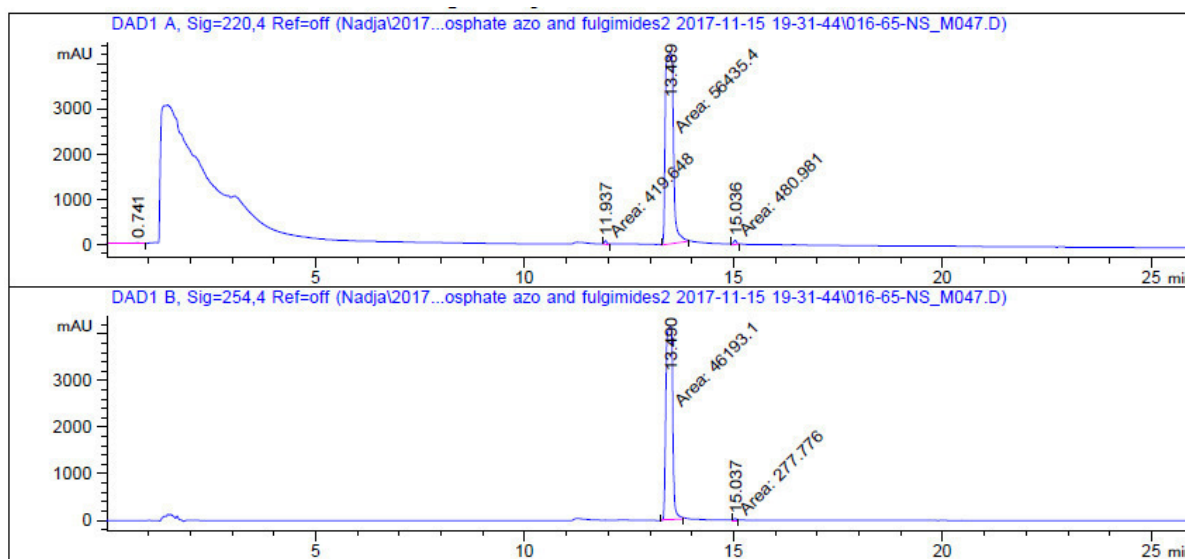
95% purity (220 nm and 254 nm).

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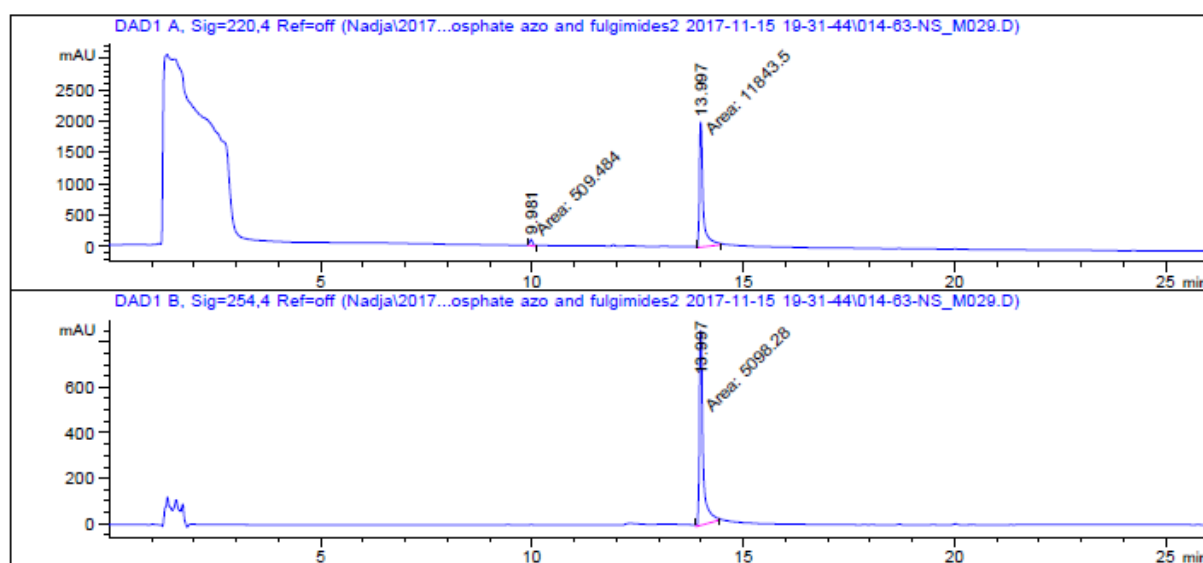
97% purity (220 nm), 95% purity (254 nm).

4e



98% purity (220 nm), <99% purity (254 nm).

4f



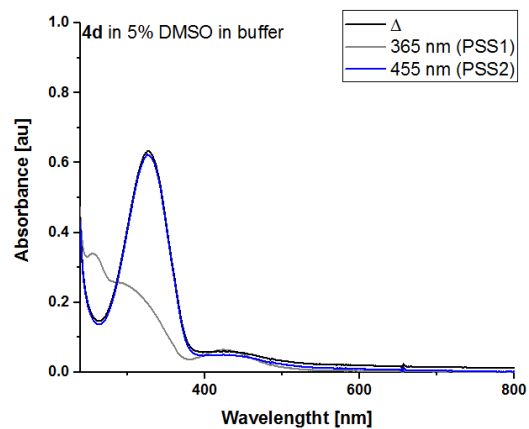
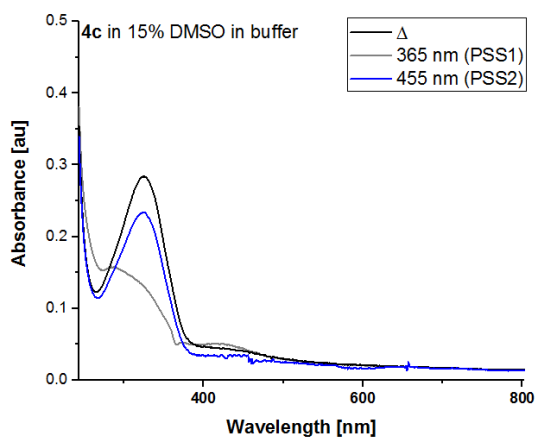
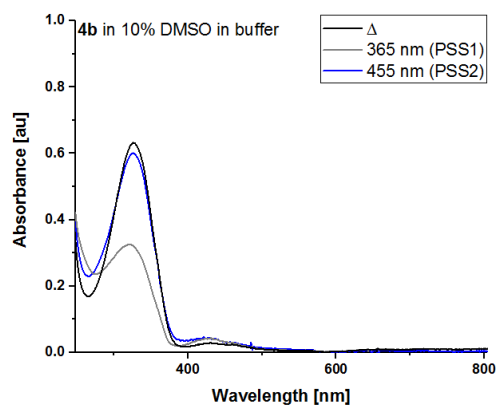
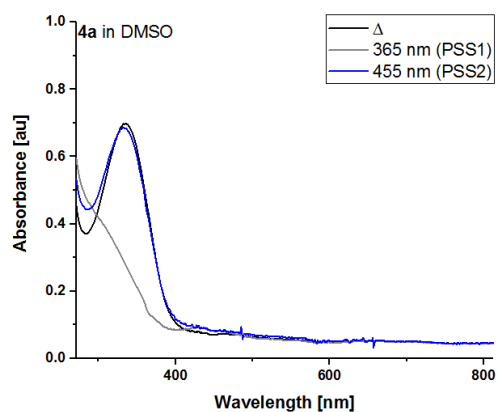
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### 3. UV/Vis Spectra

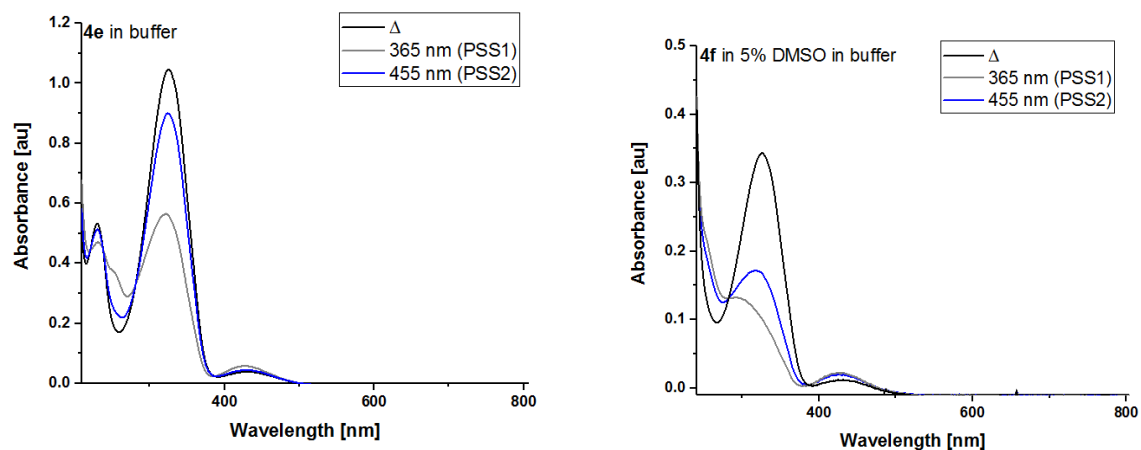
**Table A1:** UV/Vis properties of compounds **4a-f**.

Compound	solvent mixture <sup>a</sup>	$\lambda_{\text{max}}$ [nm]	$\epsilon_{\lambda_{\text{max}}}[\text{M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}]^{\text{b}}$	concentration [ $\mu\text{M}$ ]
<b>4a</b>	DMSO	335	15803	44
<b>4b</b>	10% DMSO in buffer <sup>c</sup>	326	15276	41
<b>4c</b>	15% DMSO in buffer <sup>c</sup>	326	15301	19
<b>4d</b>	5% DMSO in buffer <sup>c</sup>	326	15298	41
<b>4e</b>	buffer <sup>c</sup>	324	15336	68
<b>4f</b>	5% DMSO in buffer <sup>c</sup>	326	15324	22

<sup>a</sup>A DMSO stock solution (10 mM) was diluted into buffer to avoid precipitation. <sup>b</sup>molar decadic extinction coefficient at the individual absorption maximum of the compound in the used solvent. <sup>c</sup>used buffer: Dulbecco's Phosphate buffered Saline.

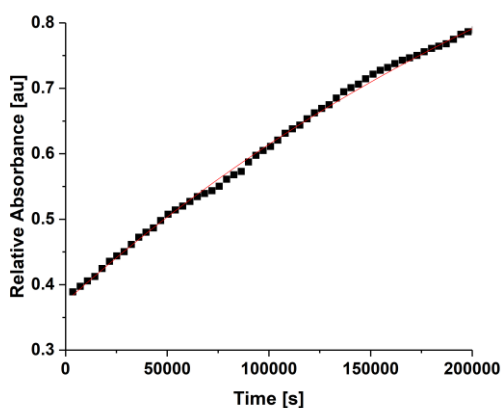






**Figure A1:** UV/Vis spectra of compounds **4a-f**. The individual solvents are specified in the spectrum. Black lines depict the absorption spectrum at the thermal equilibrium, grey lines at the PSS1 (irradiation with 365 nm LED), blue lines at the PSS2 (irradiation of PSS1 with a 455 nm LED).

Thermal Z-to-E Isomerization (exemplary of **4e** in buffer, 65μM)



Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/t1) + y0$
y0	$1.28111 \pm 0.04683$
A1	$-0.90721 \pm 0.04506$
t1	$324851.55908 \pm 23167.52726$
R-Square(COD)	0.99791
Adj. R-Square	0.99784

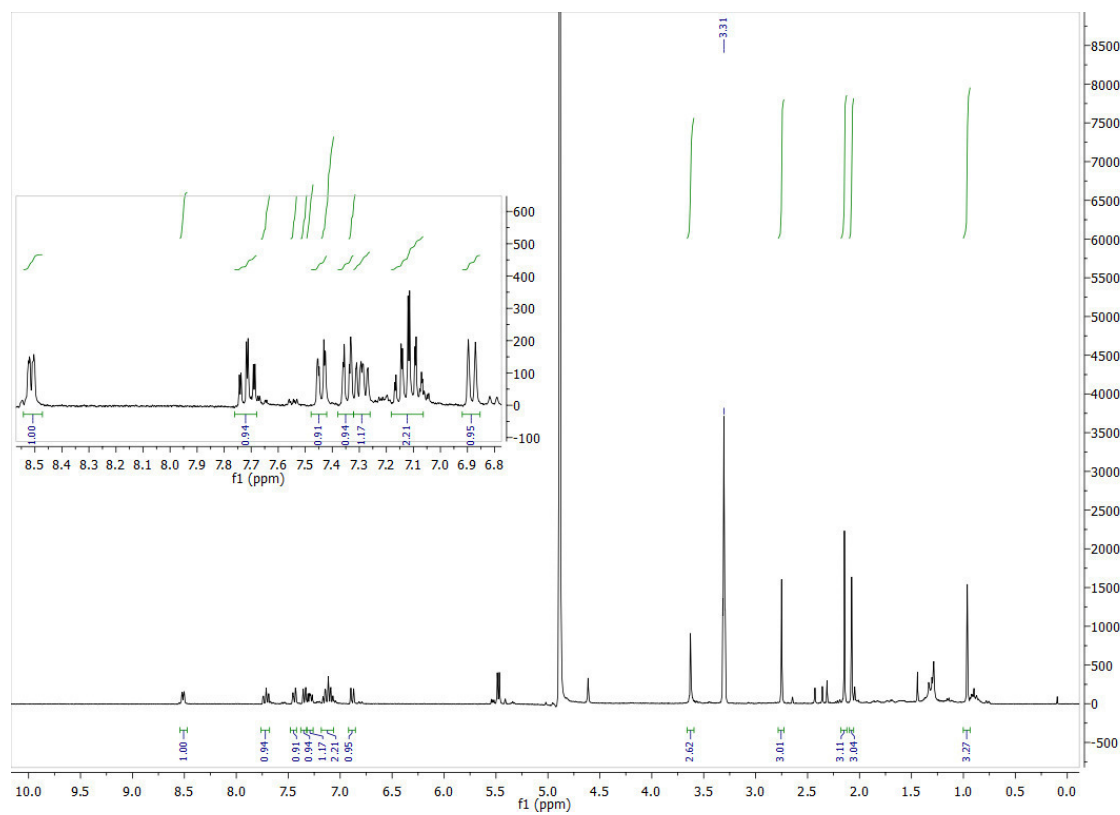
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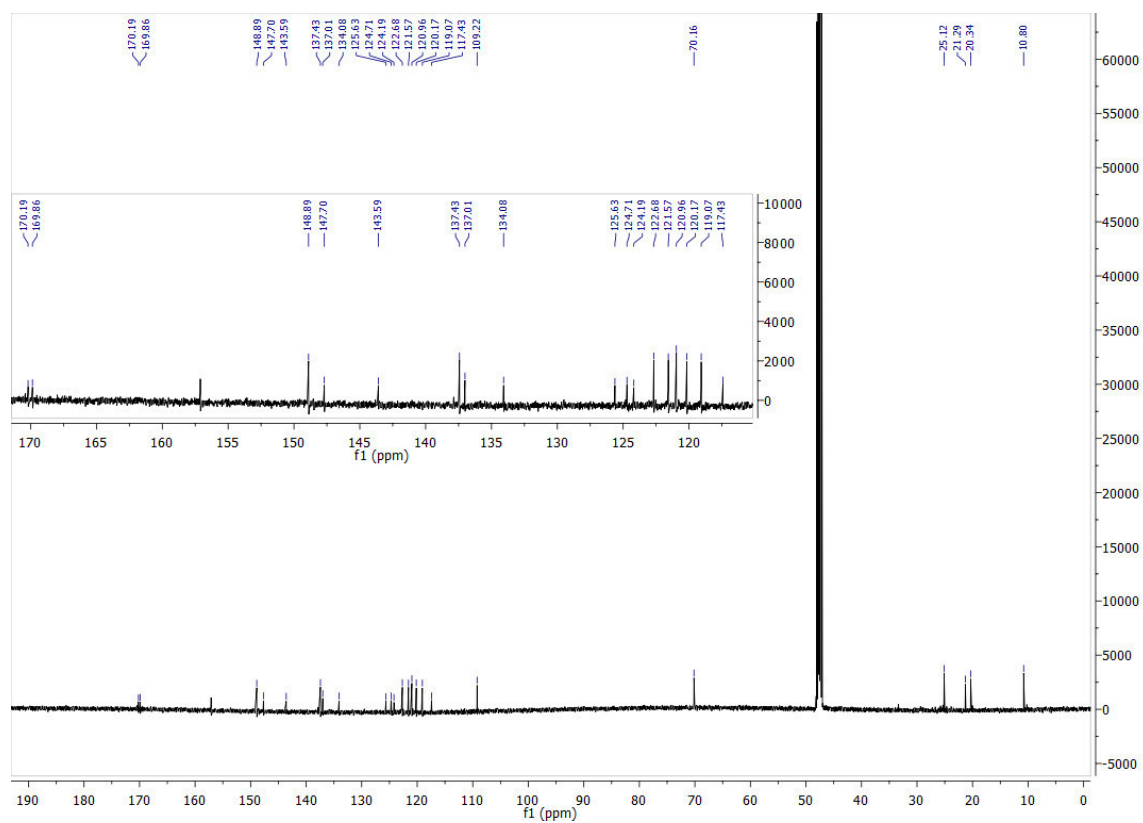
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## 1. NMR Spectra

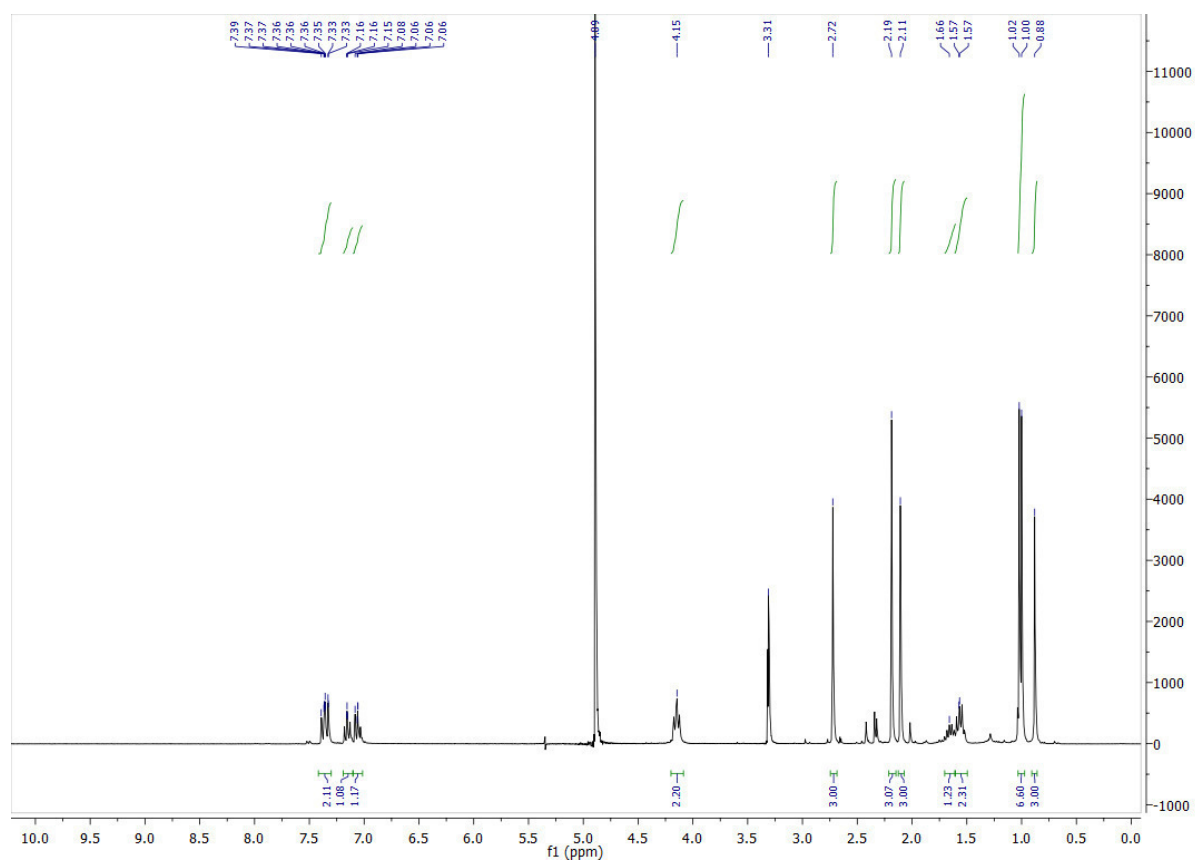
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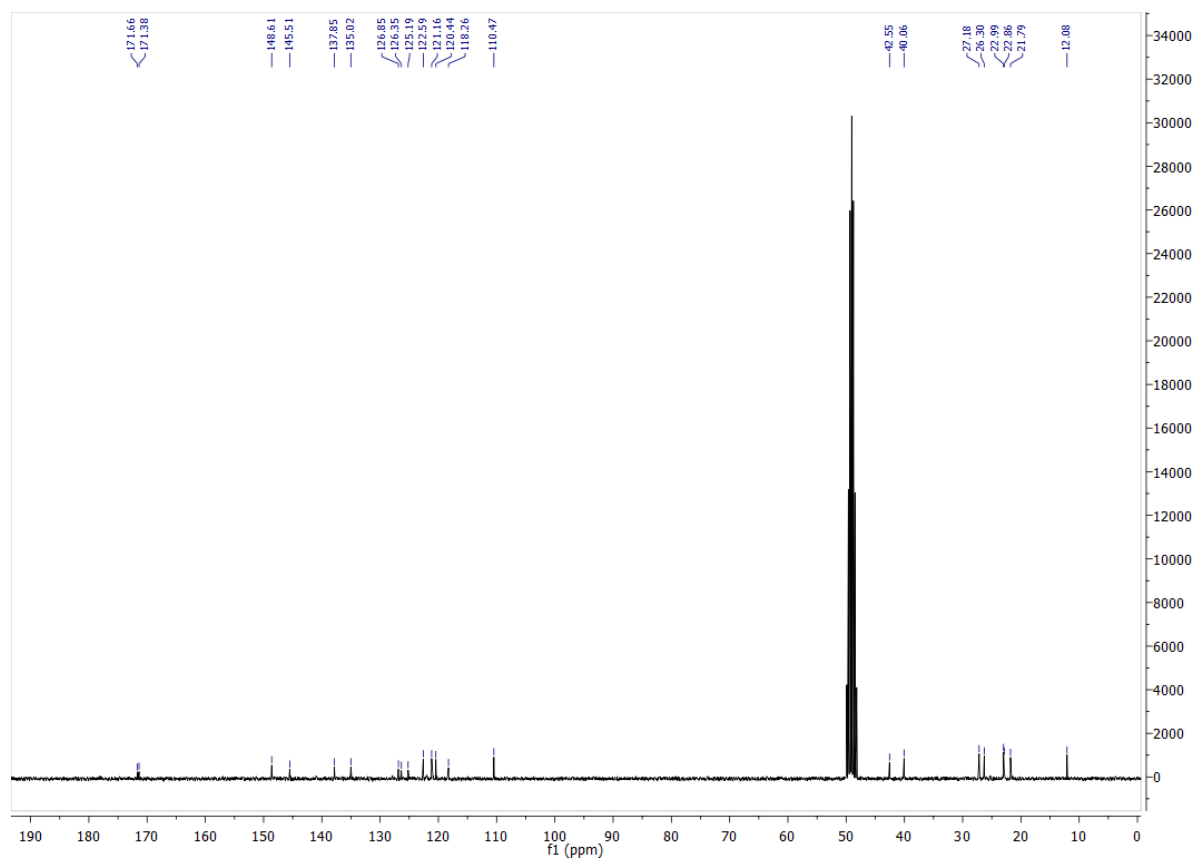
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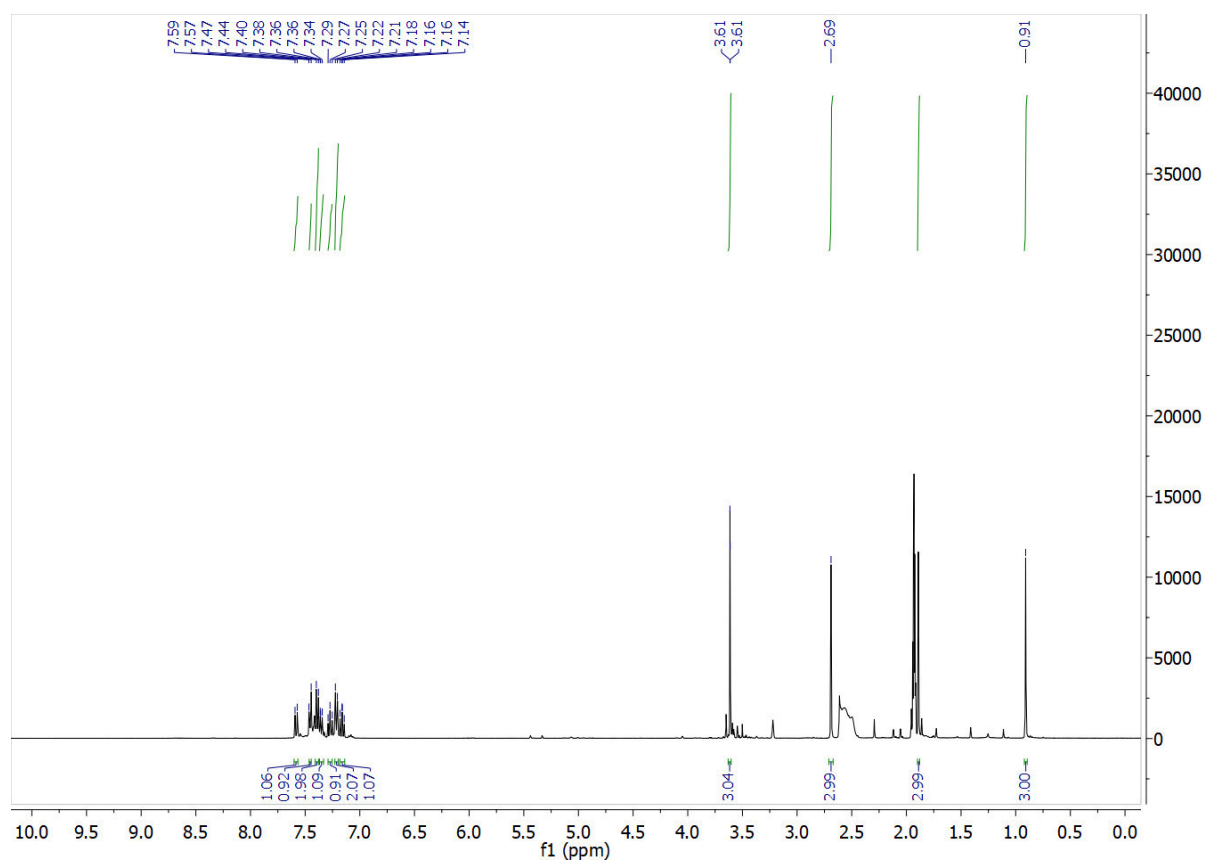
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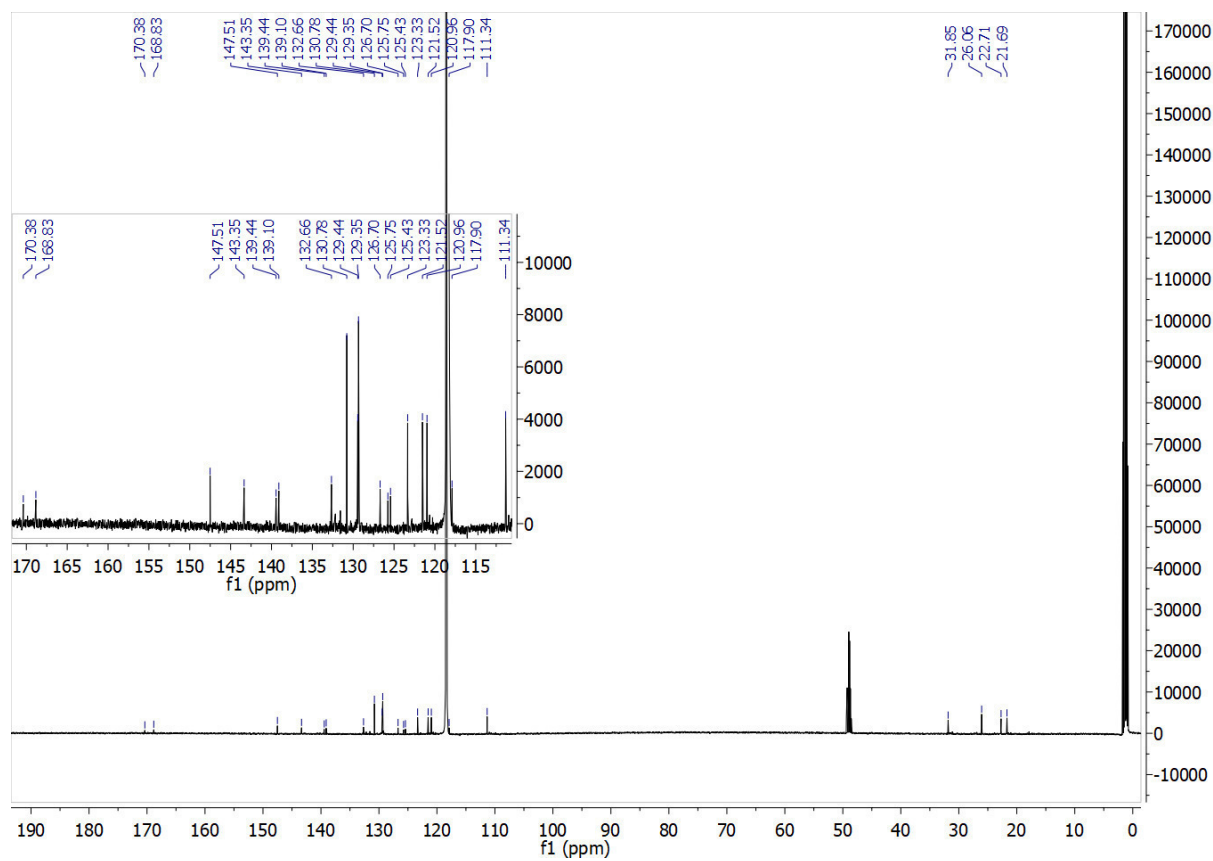
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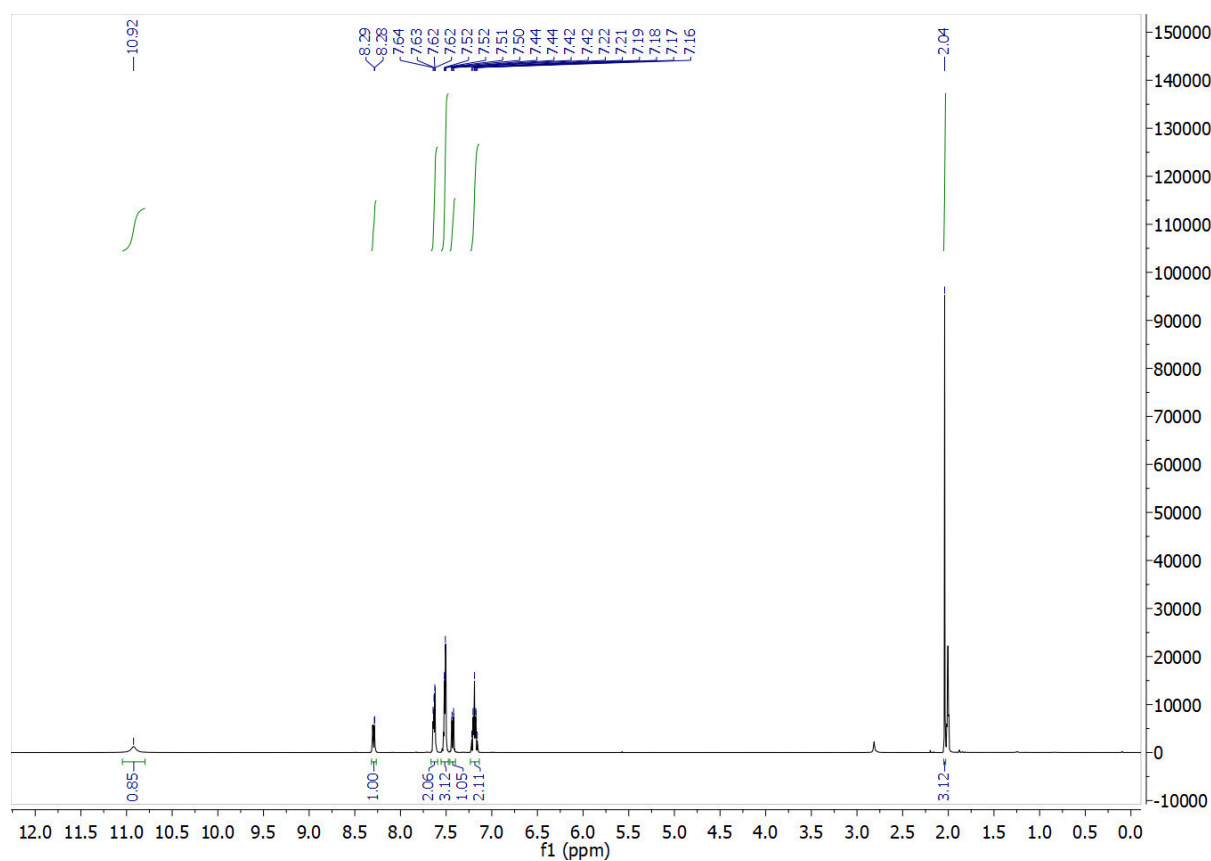
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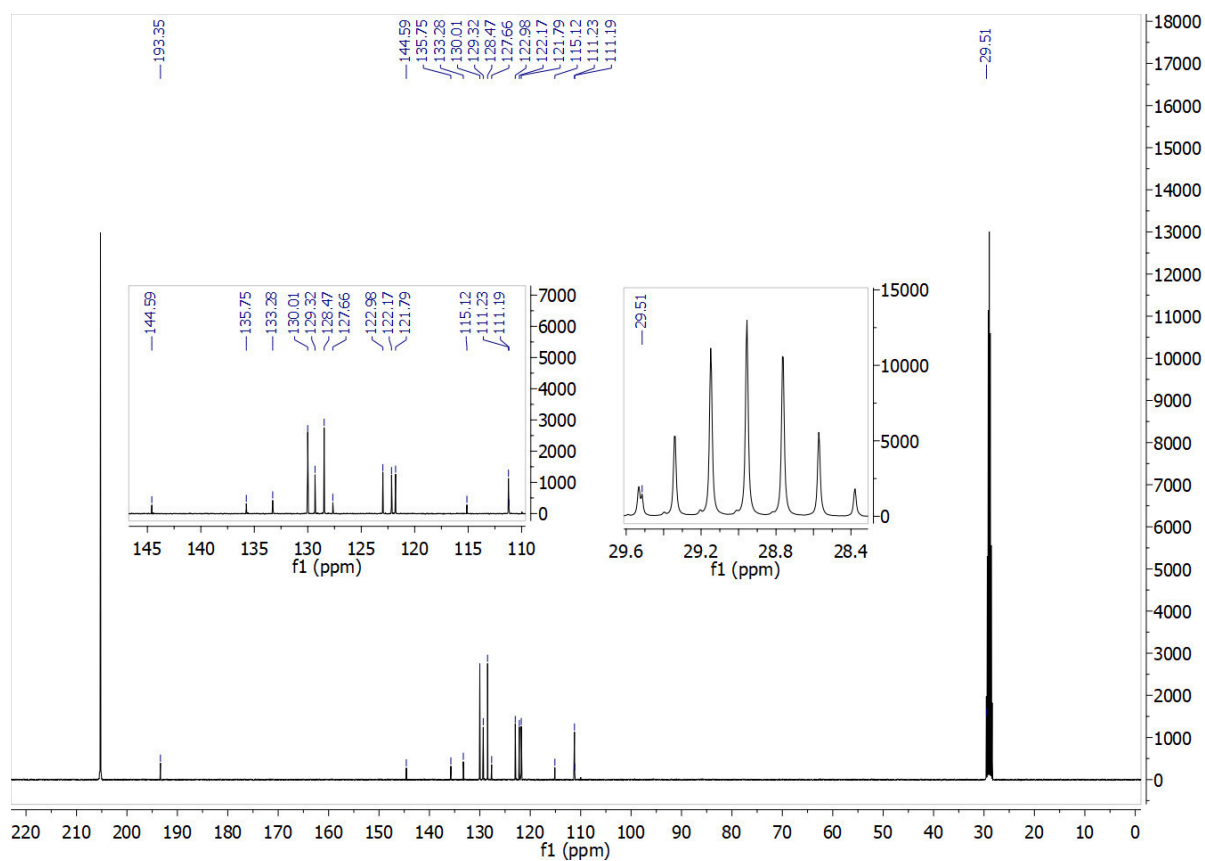
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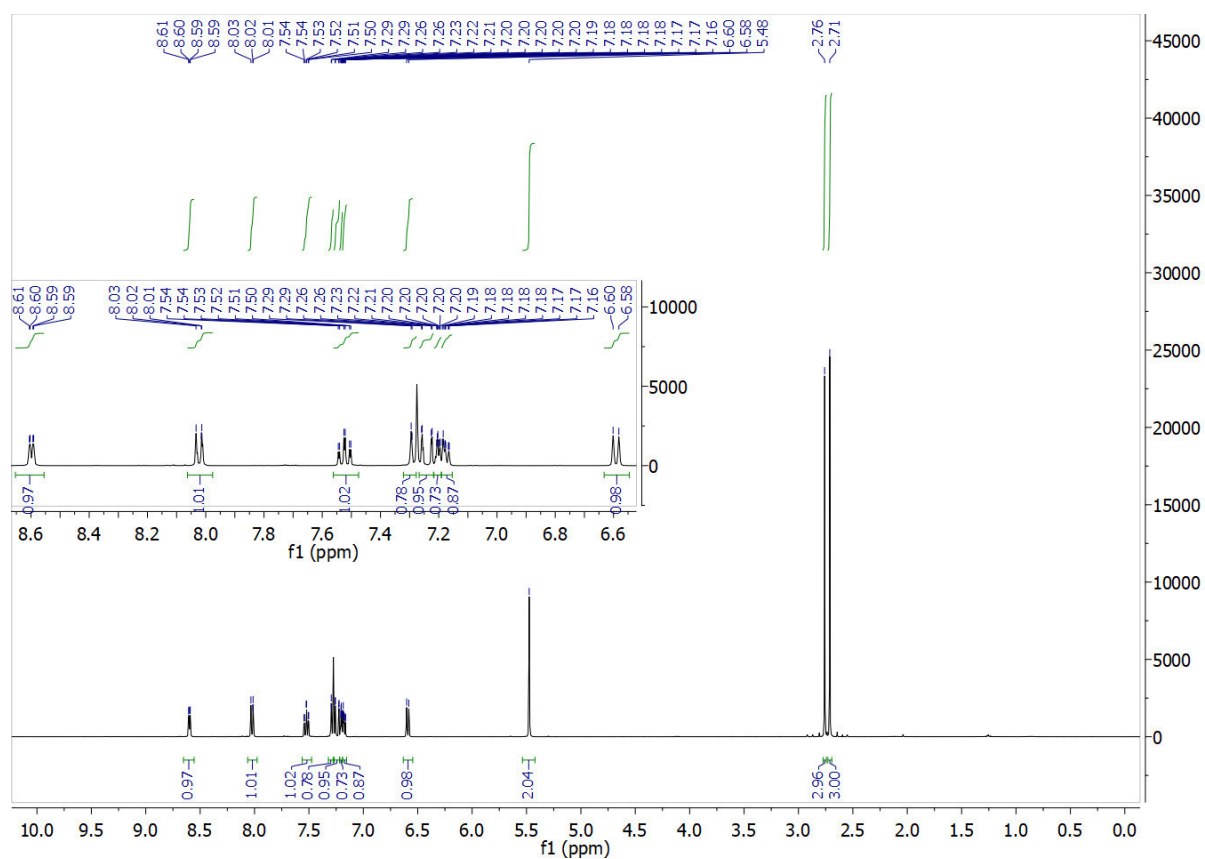
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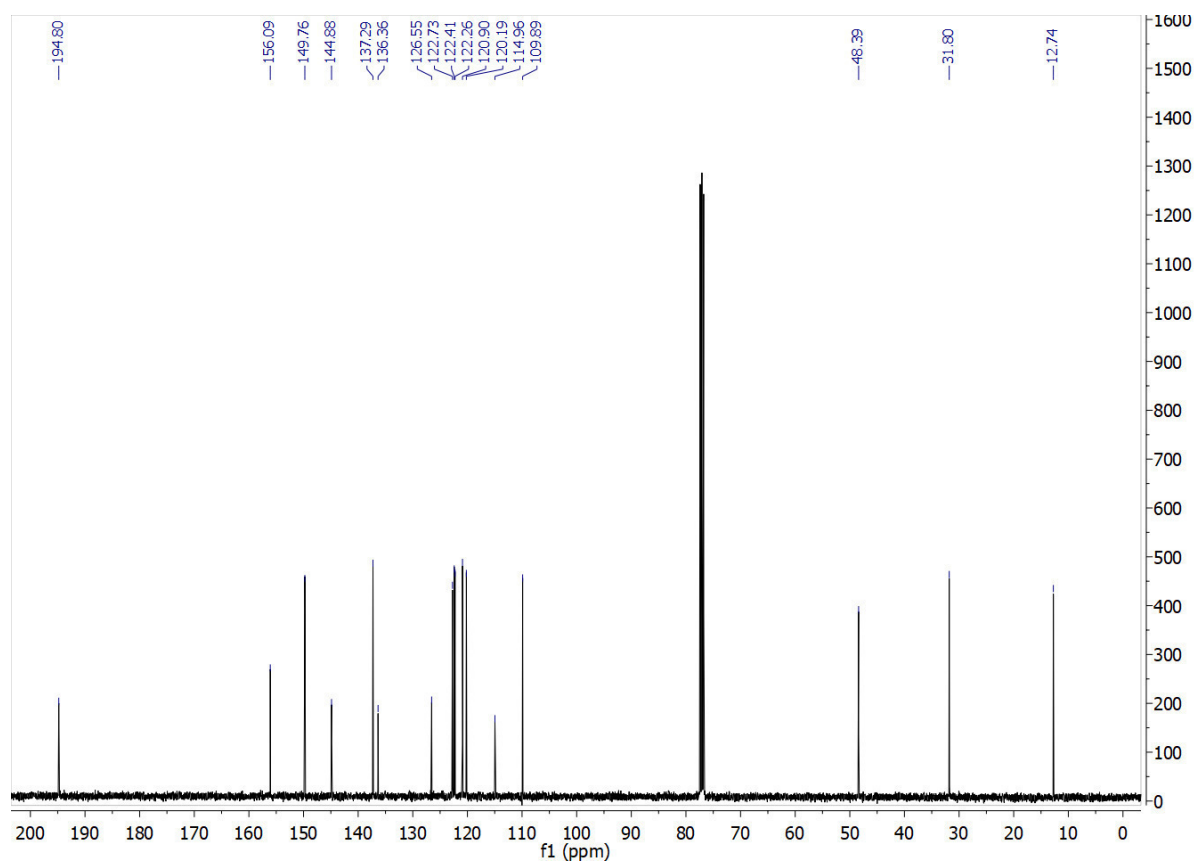
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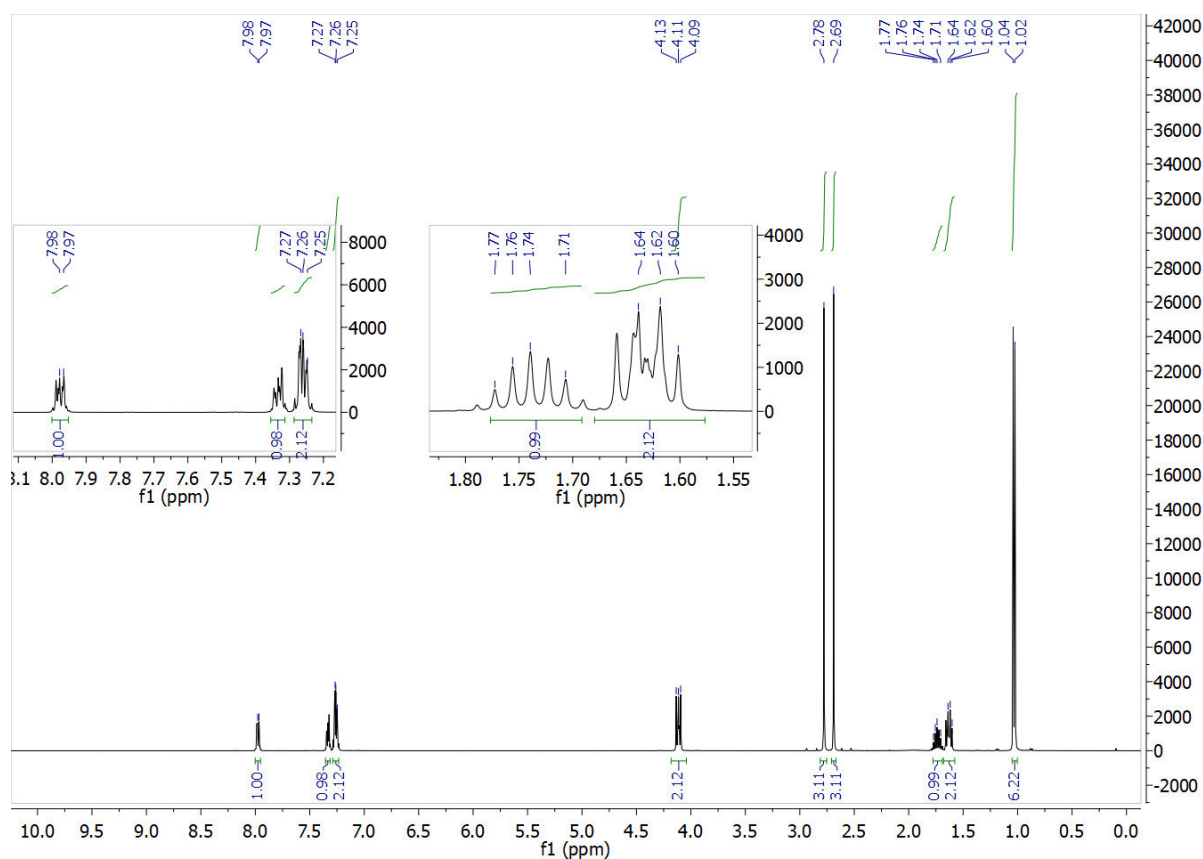
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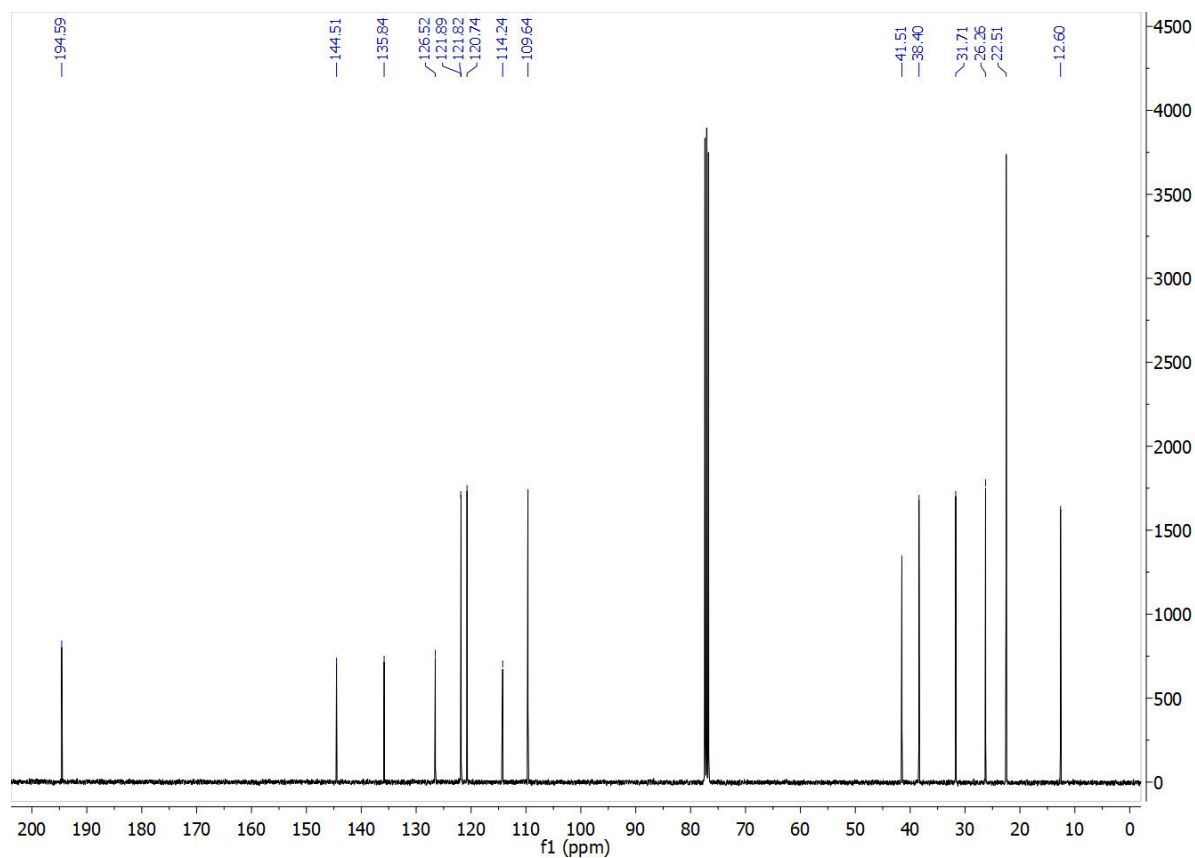
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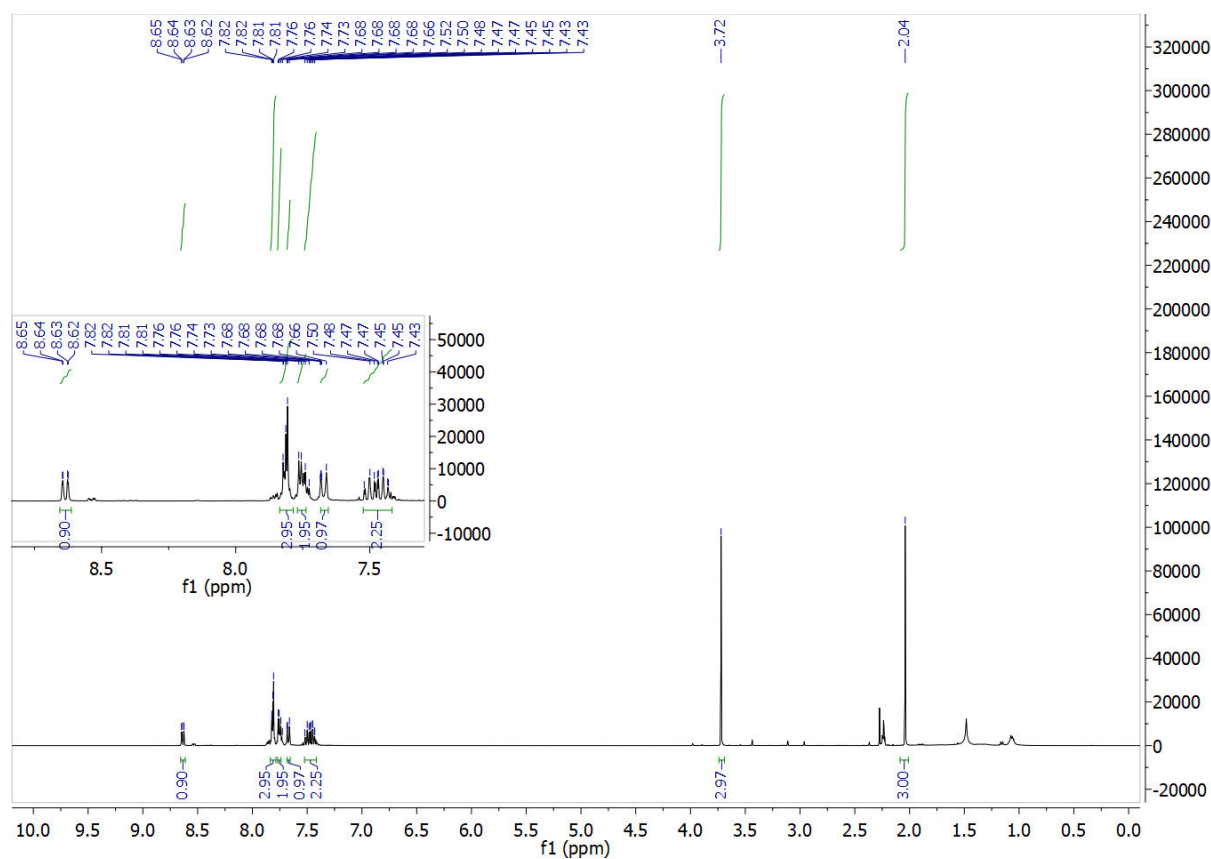


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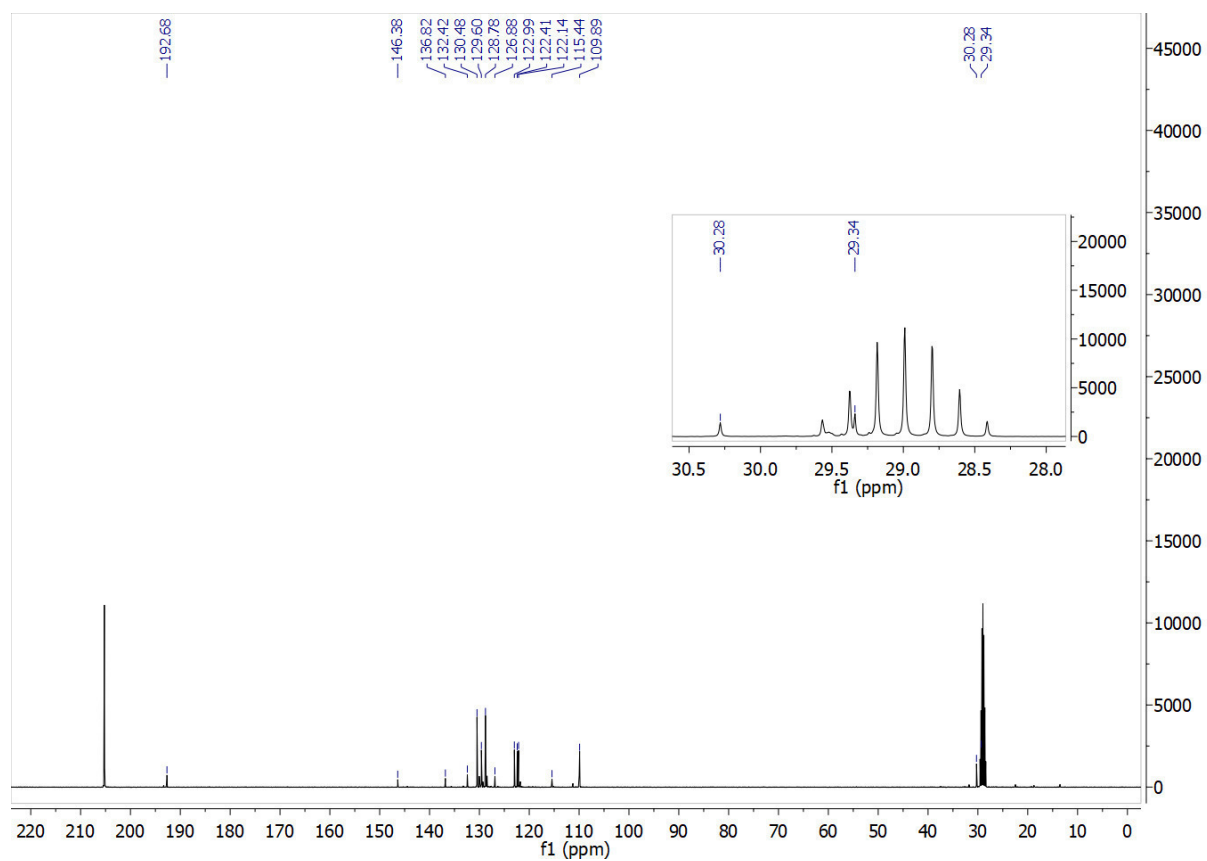




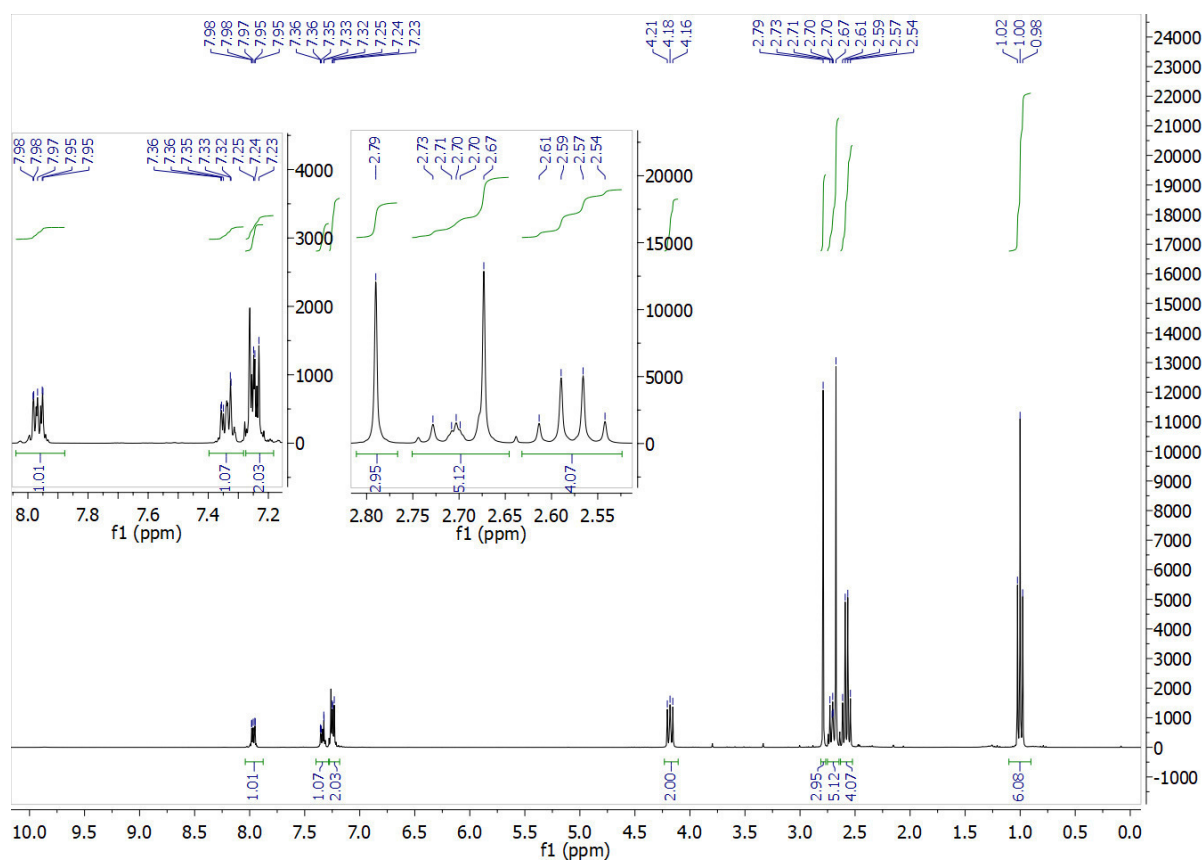
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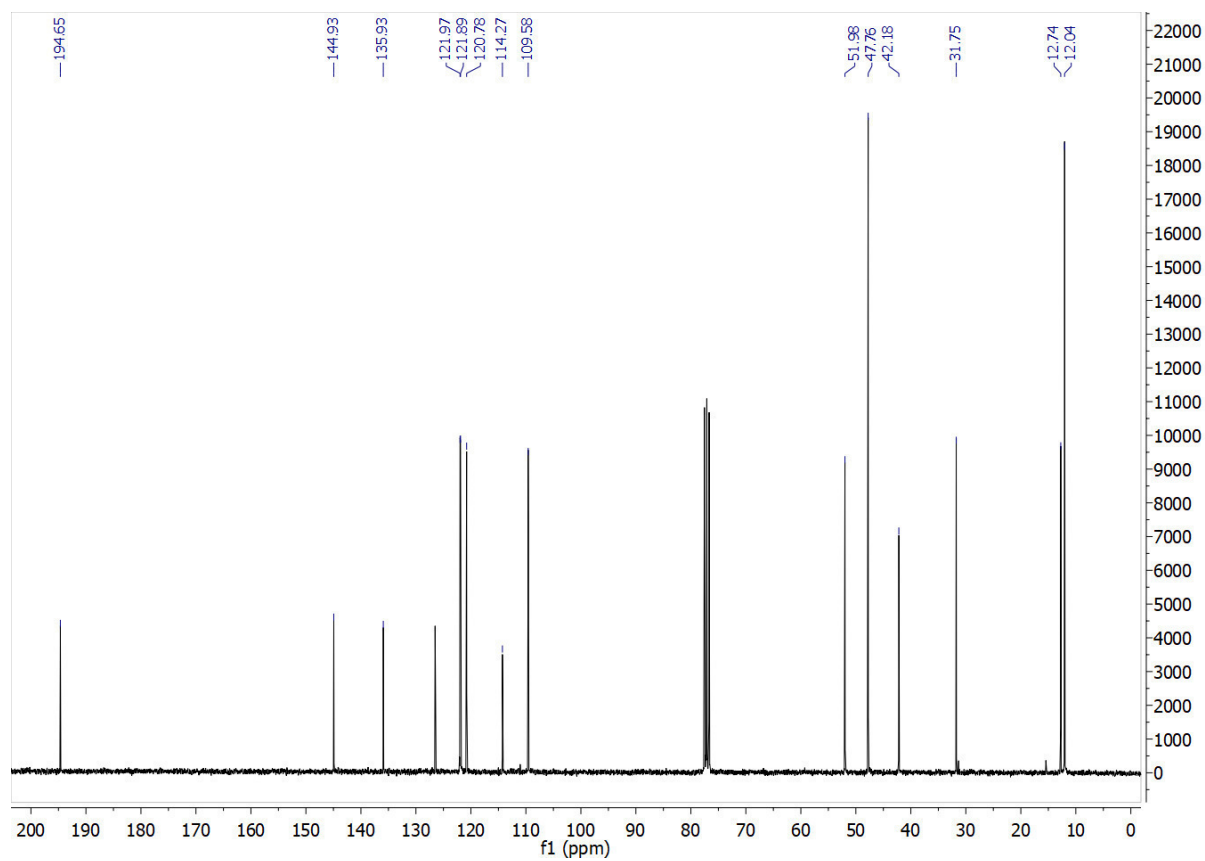
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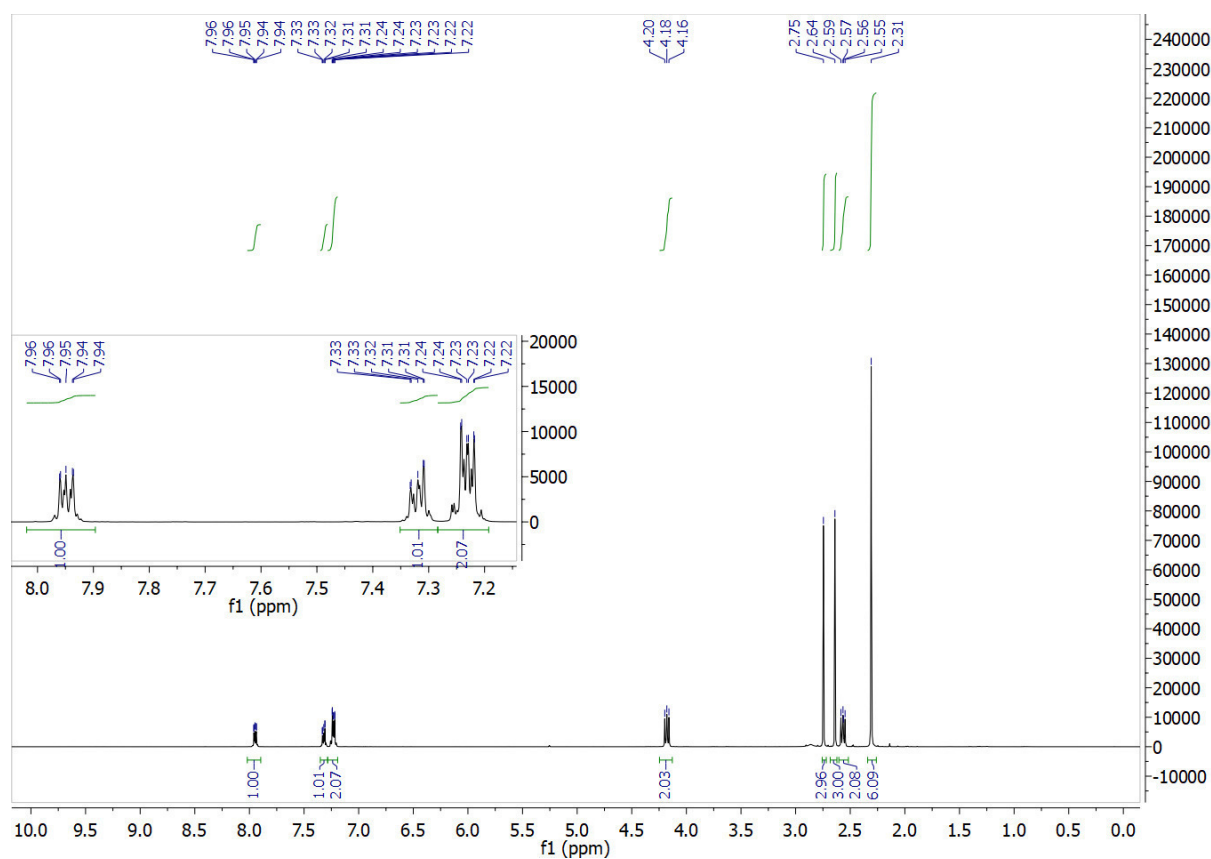
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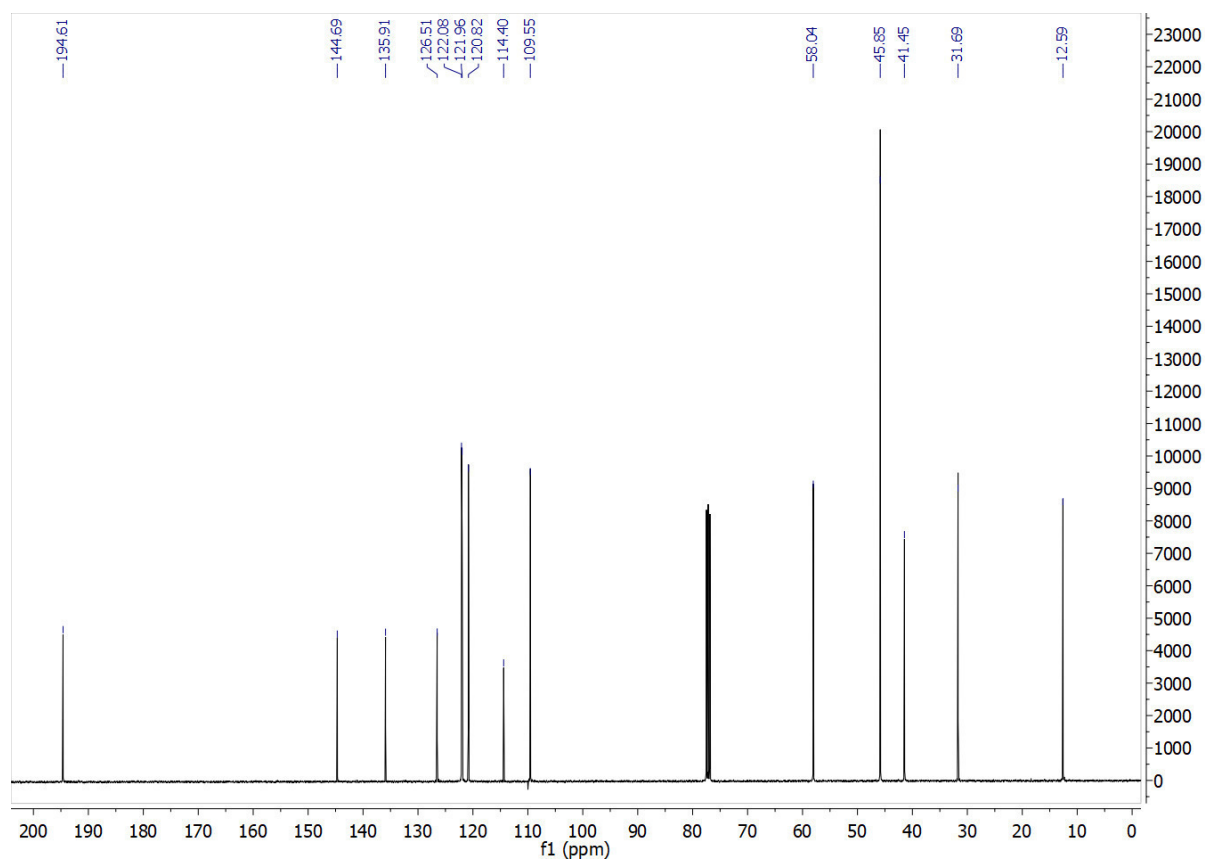
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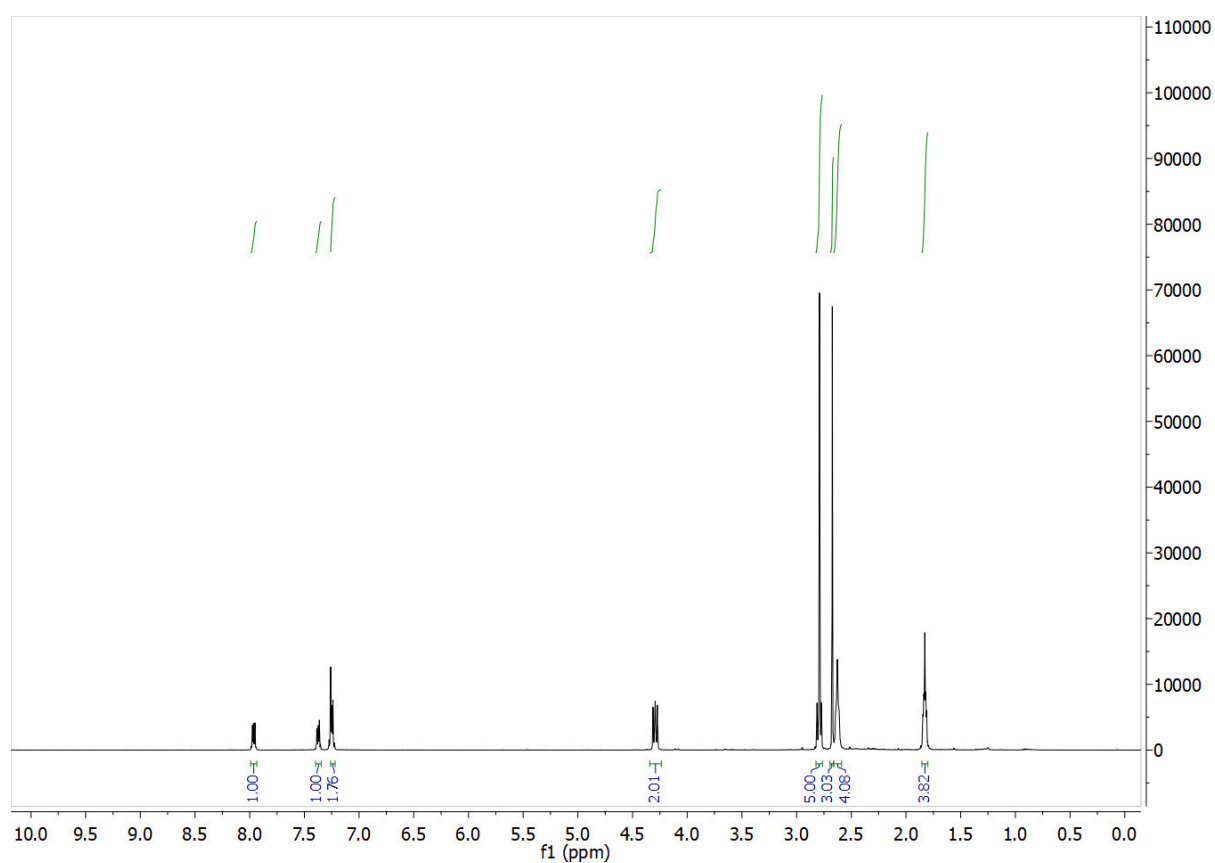
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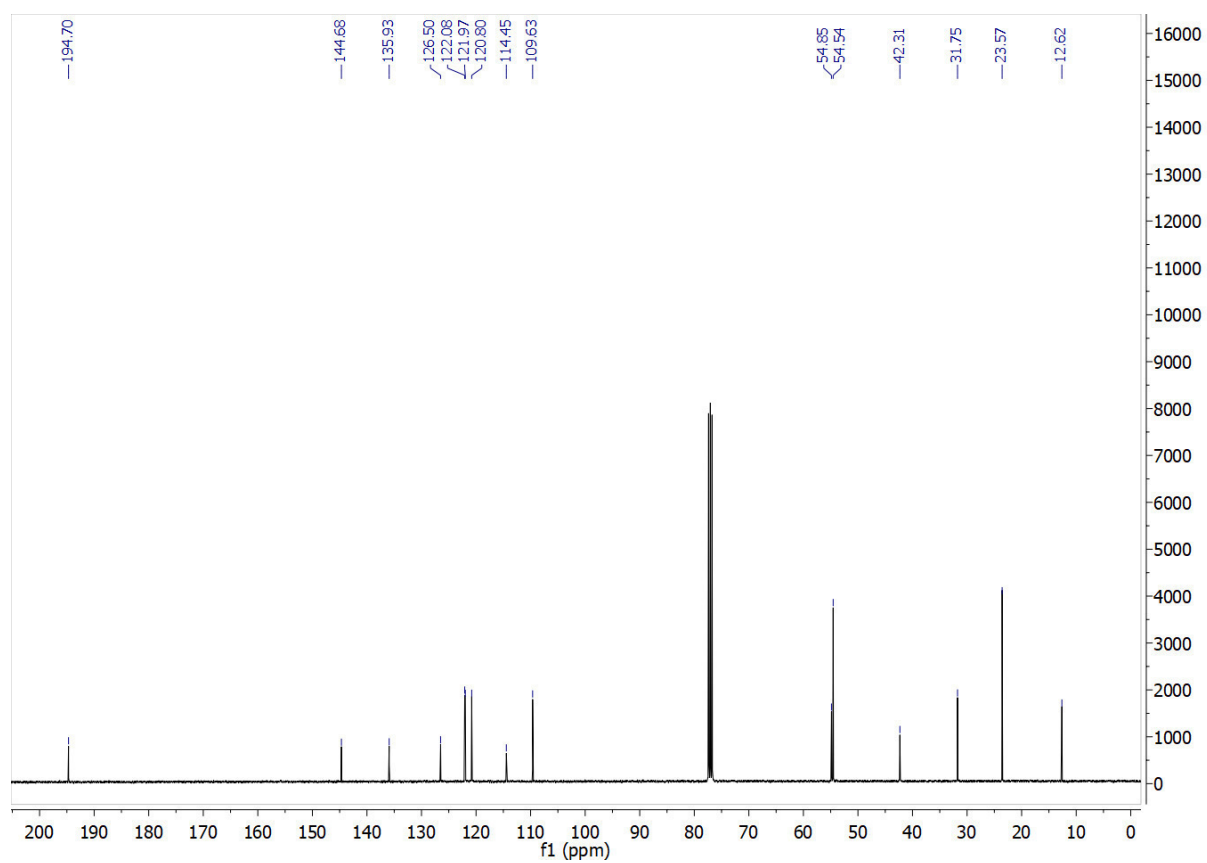
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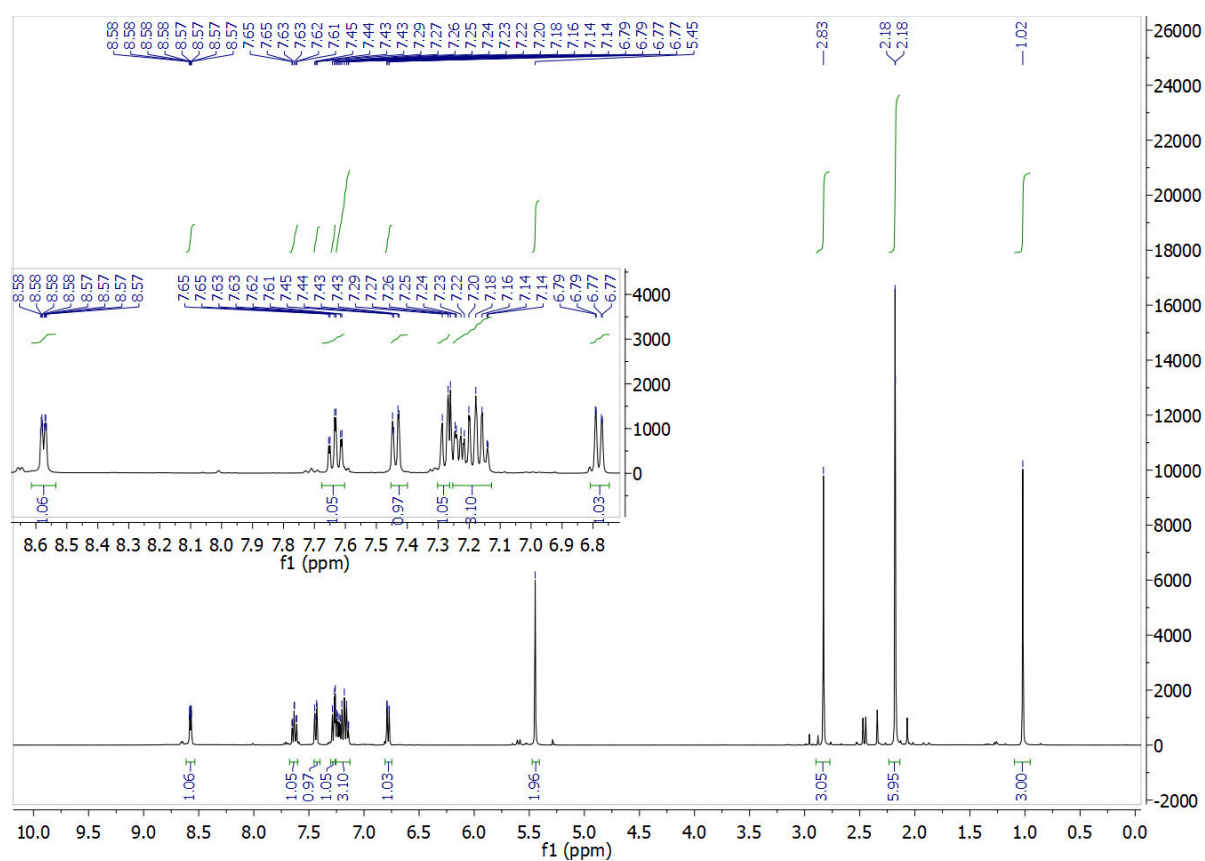
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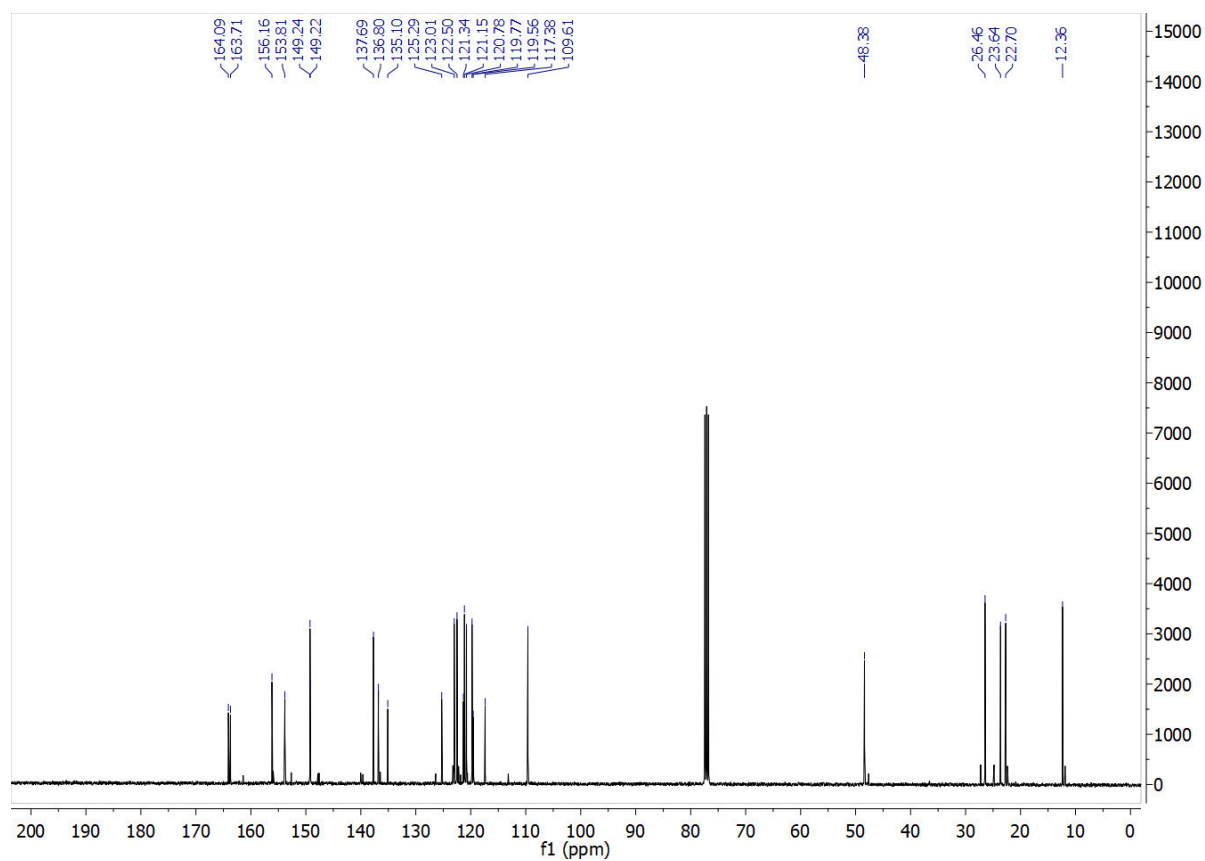
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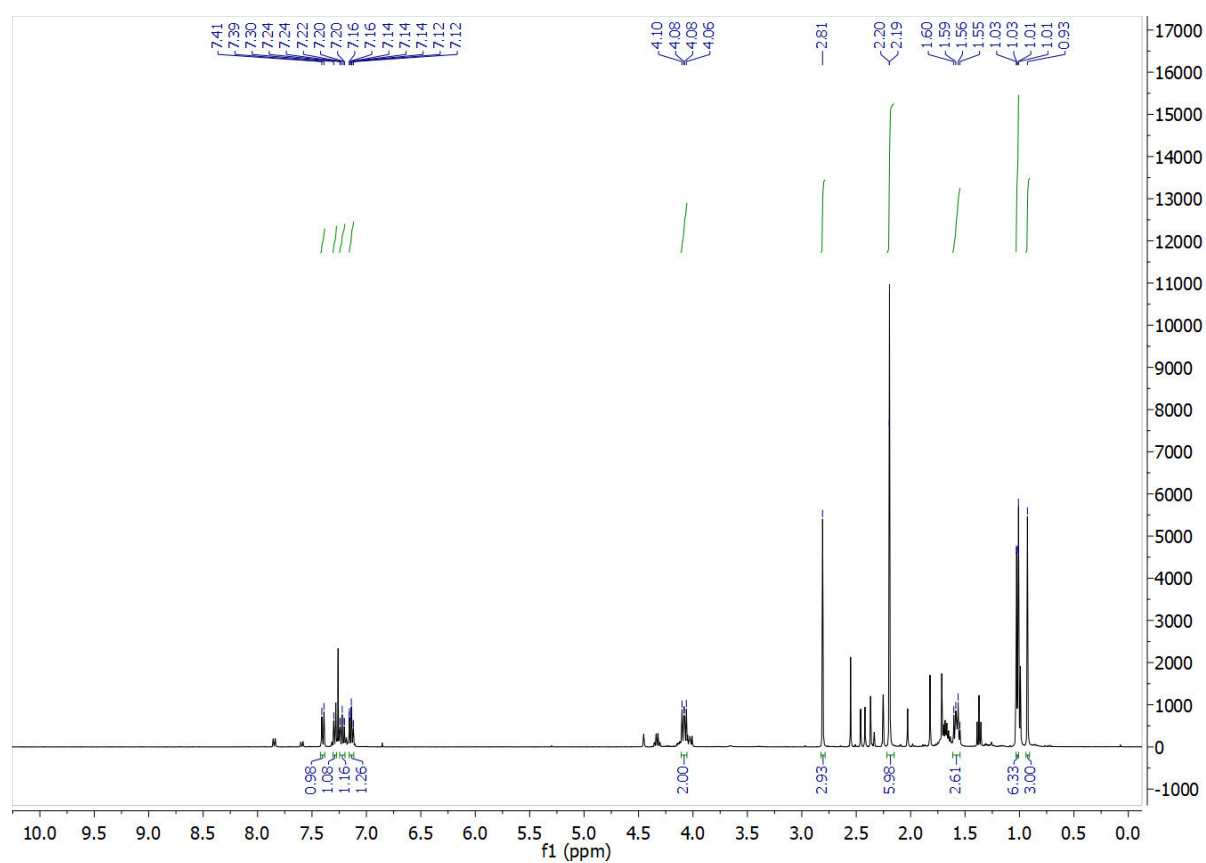
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$^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )



**7b:**  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )



## 2. HPLC Traces for Purity, PSS Composition and Thermal Stability

HPLC traces at 220 nm and 254 nm allowed us to determine the purity and isomer composition at the thermal equilibrium.

To determine PSS composition *via* analytical HPLC, the compounds were eluted using an isocratic gradient over 15 min separating the peaks of the *E*-, *Z*- and closed isomer. Hence, 100  $\mu$ M solutions of the photoswitch in the appropriate solvent (solvents are indicated for each measurement) were prepared. 20  $\mu$ L samples were injected to the HPLC before and after irradiation, which was performed in a cuvette and followed *via* UV-Vis spectroscopy. Then, we integrated the peak area at the isosbestic points of the photoisomers in the respective solvent mixture (*vide infra*, Section 3), *i.e.* 40% MeCN in H<sub>2</sub>O for compound **1a** and 70% MeCN in H<sub>2</sub>O for compounds **1b** and **1c**.

Thermal stability of the compounds regarding the assay conditions was analyzed spectroscopically (*vide infra*) and via analytical HPLC comparing the composition and purity of the solutions at the thermal equilibrium and the PSS after incubation at 37 °C for 4 h

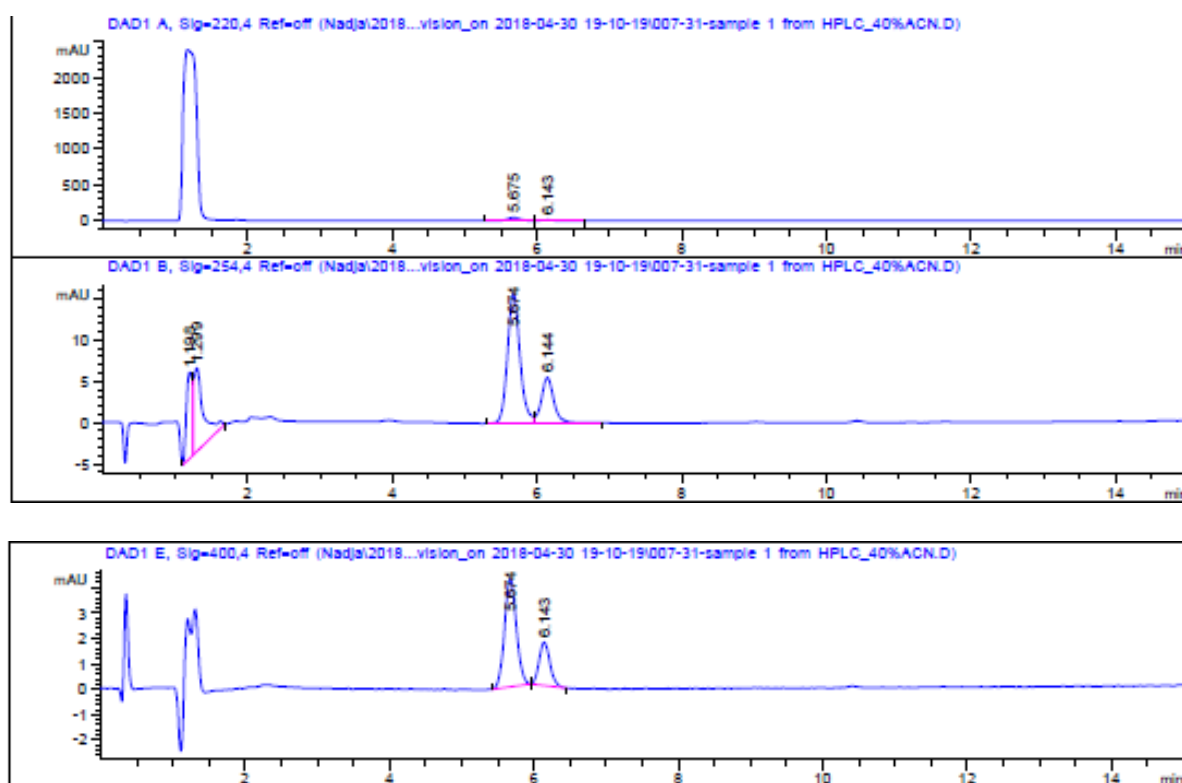
Table A1 gives an overview over the obtained data.

**Table A1:** Overview of PSS composition, purity and thermal stability of compounds **1a**, **1b**, **1c**.

		<b>1a<sup>a</sup></b>			<b>1b<sup>b</sup></b>			<b>1c<sup>c</sup></b>		
		<i>E</i>	<i>Z</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>Z</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>Z</i>	<i>C</i>
<b>ACN-water</b>	$\Delta$	73	27	0	94	6	0	98	2	0
	PSS	27	26	47	17	8	75	44	24	32
	PSS2	68	17	15	91	9	0	67	25	8
	Purity	<i>E</i> + <i>Z</i> -isomer > 99%			<i>E</i> + <i>Z</i> -isomer > 99%			<i>E</i> + <i>Z</i> -isomer > 99%		
<b>DMSO</b>	$\Delta$	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	96	4	0	100	0	0
	PSS	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	23	10	66	45	24	31
<b>DMSO-buffer (1:2)</b>	$\Delta$	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	85	15	0	96	4	0
	PSS	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	23	4	73	53	18	29
	$\Delta$	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	92	8	0	100	0	0
<b>buffer</b>	PSS	62	19	19	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	65	3	32
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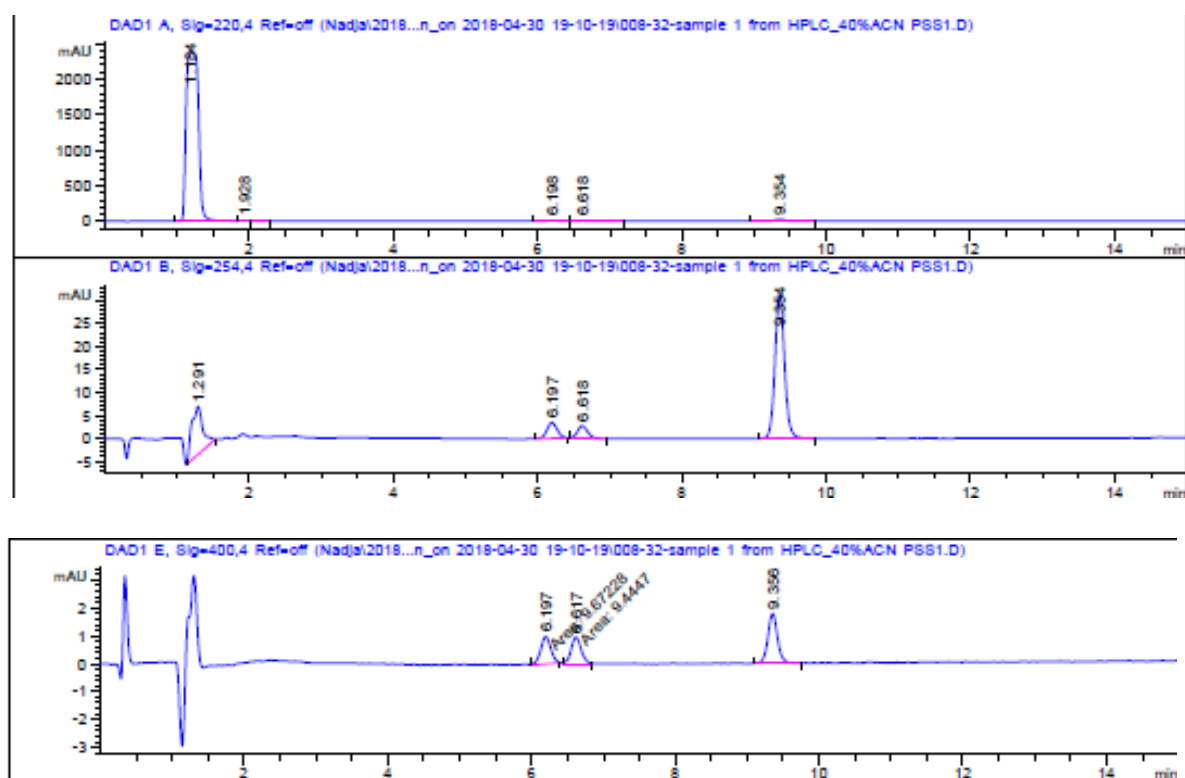
<sup>a</sup> $\lambda_{obs}$ =400 nm. <sup>b</sup> $\lambda_{obs}$ =270 nm. <sup>c</sup> $\lambda_{obs}$ =271 nm.

Compound **1a**

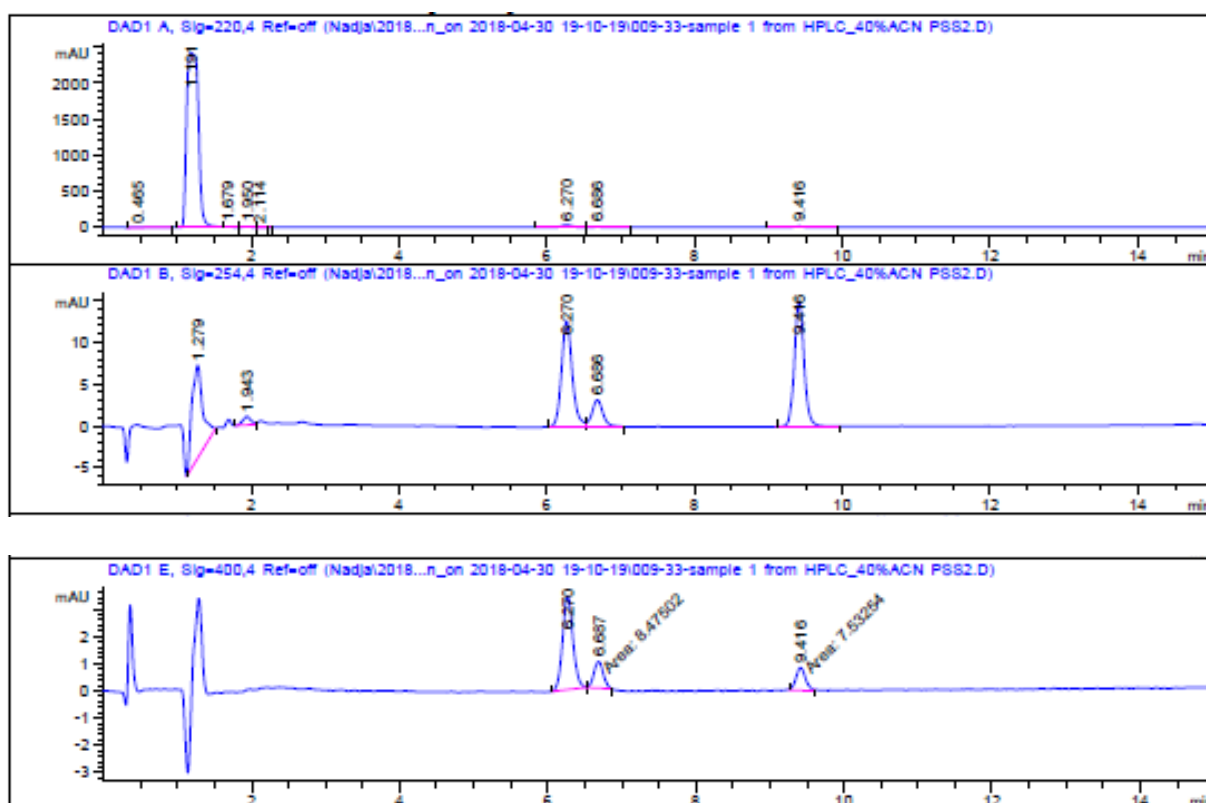


**Figure A1:** HPLC trace of **1a** (in 40% MeCN in H<sub>2</sub>O from 10 mM DMSO stock) at 220 nm, 254 nm and at the isosbestic point at 400 nm. Through origin from the first fraction of the first peak in preparative HPLC, the sample exhibits both the *E*- and the *Z*-isomer of the open form of the switch at the thermal equilibrium.

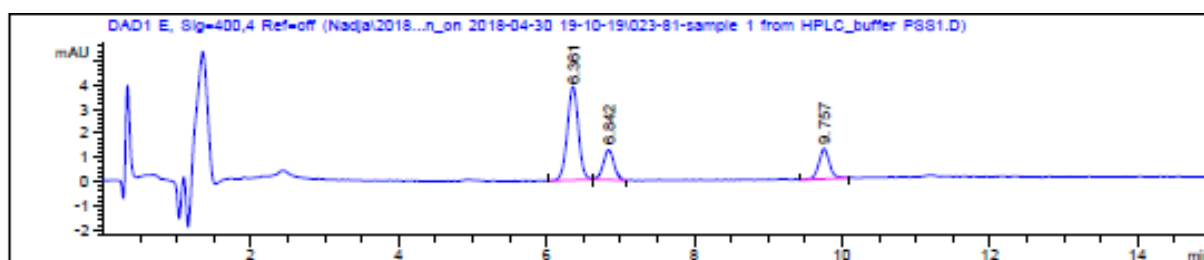




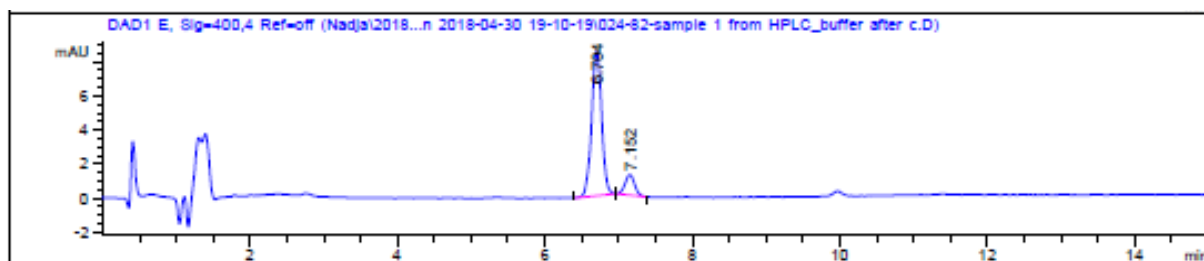
**Figure A2:** HPLC trace of **1a** (in 40% MeCN in H<sub>2</sub>O from 10 mM DMSO stock) at 220 nm, 254 nm and at the isosbestic point at 400 nm at the PSS after irradiation with 400nm.



**Figure A3:** HPLC trace of **1a** (in 40% MeCN in H<sub>2</sub>O from 10 mM DMSO stock) at 220 nm, 254 nm and at the isosbestic point at 400 nm at the PSS2 after irradiation with 590 nm.

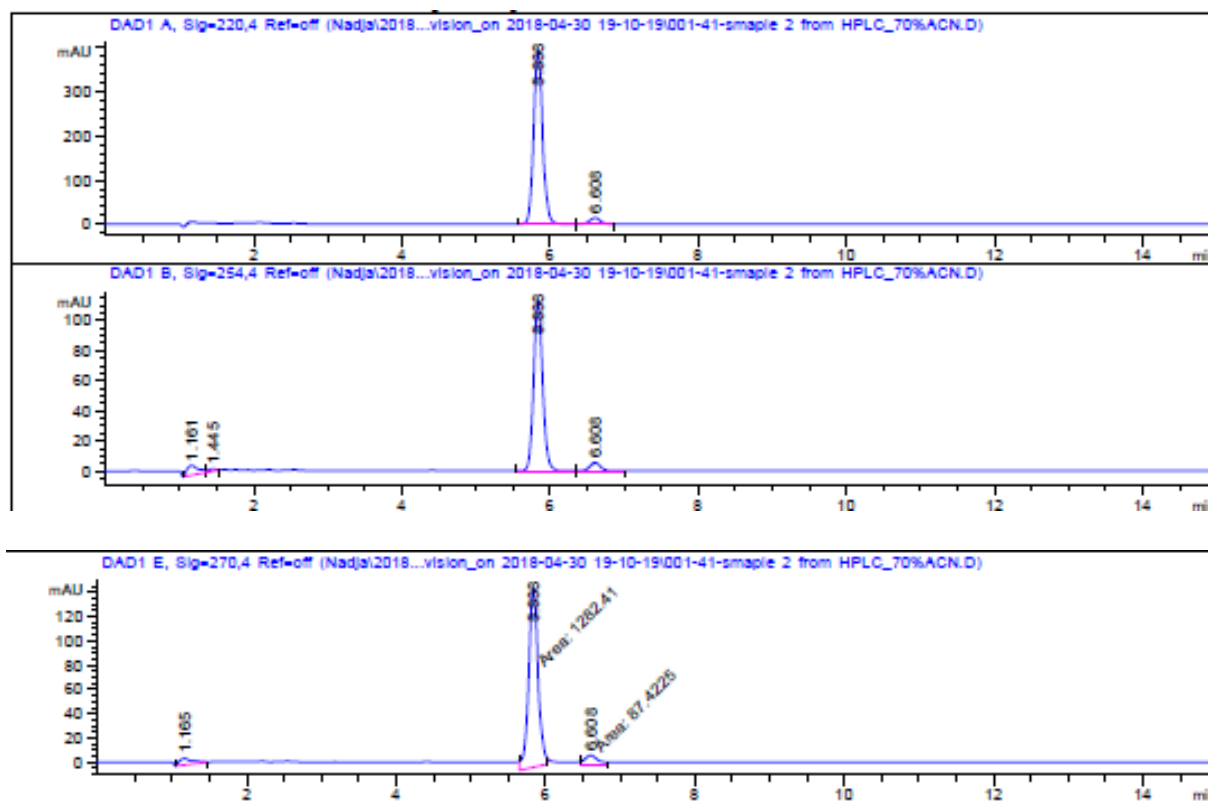


**Figure A4:** HPLC trace of **1a** (in buffer (5%DMSO)) at the isosbestic point at 400 nm at the PSS.

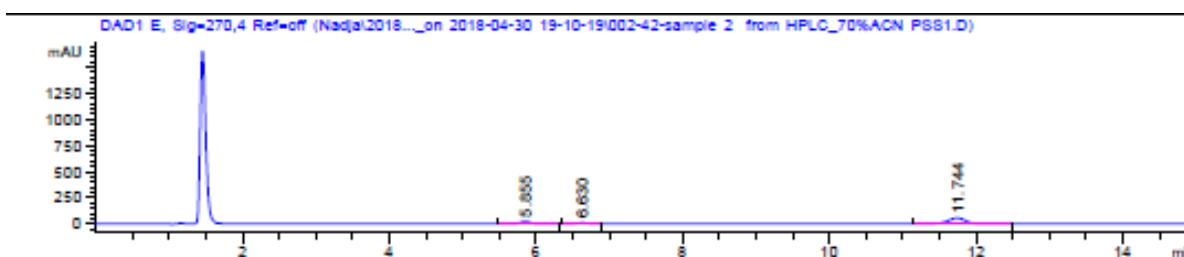


**Figure A5:** HPLC trace of **1a** (in buffer (5%DMSO)) at the isosbestic point at 400 nm at the PSS2 after six irradiation cycles.

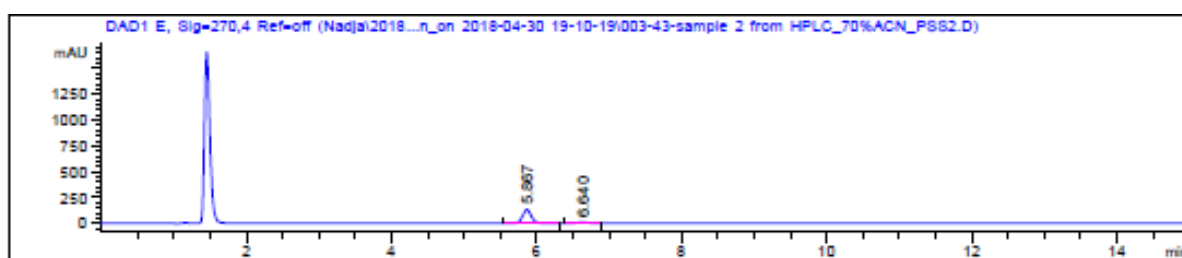
Compound **1b**



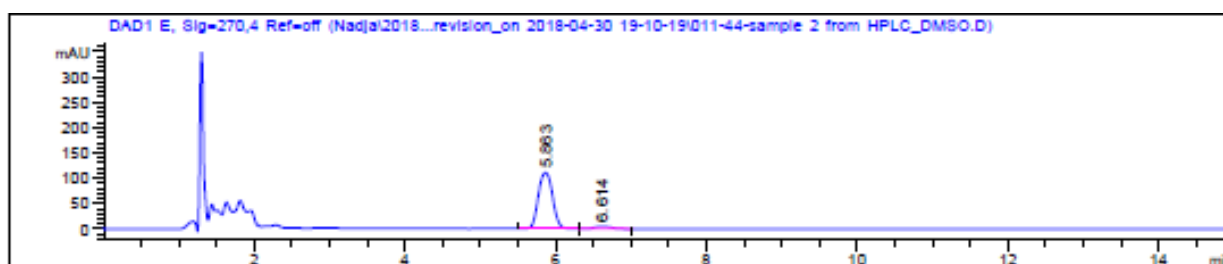
**Figure A6:** HPLC trace of **1b** (in 70% MeCN in H<sub>2</sub>O) at 220 nm, 254 nm and at the isosbestic point at 270 nm. Through origin from the first fraction of the first peak in preparative HPLC, the sample exhibits both the *E*- and the *Z*-isomer of the open form of the switch at the thermal equilibrium.



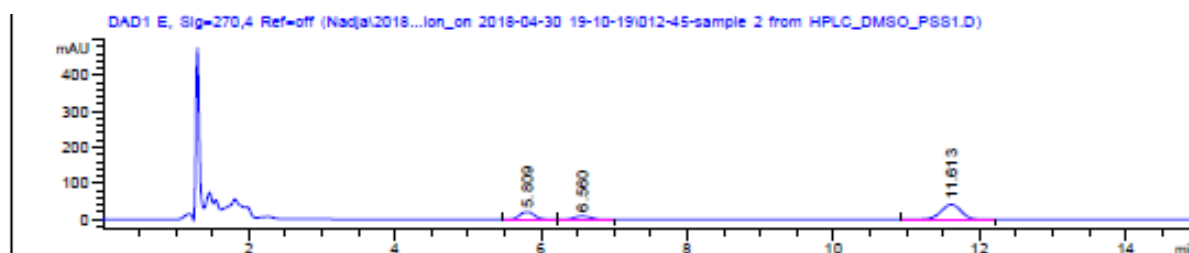
**Figure A7:** HPLC trace of **1b** (in 70% MeCN in H<sub>2</sub>O) at the isosbestic point at 270 nm at the PSS after irradiation with 400 nm.



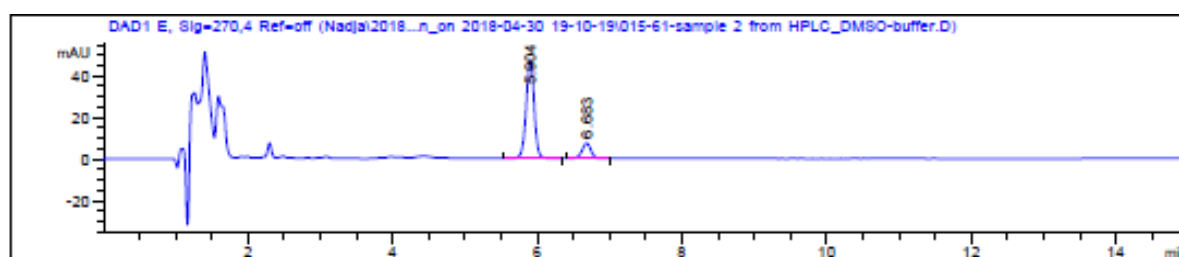
**Figure A8:** HPLC trace of **1b** (in 70% MeCN in H<sub>2</sub>O) at the isosbestic point at 270 nm at the PSS after irradiation with 590 nm.



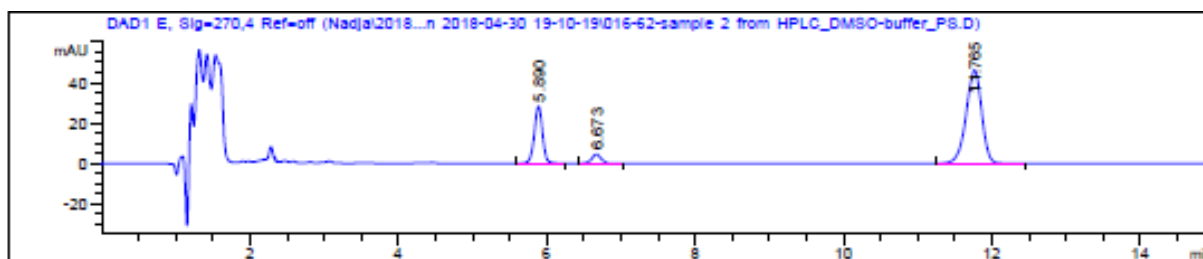
**Figure A9:** HPLC trace of **1b** (in DMSO) at the isosbestic point at 270 nm at the thermal equilibrium.



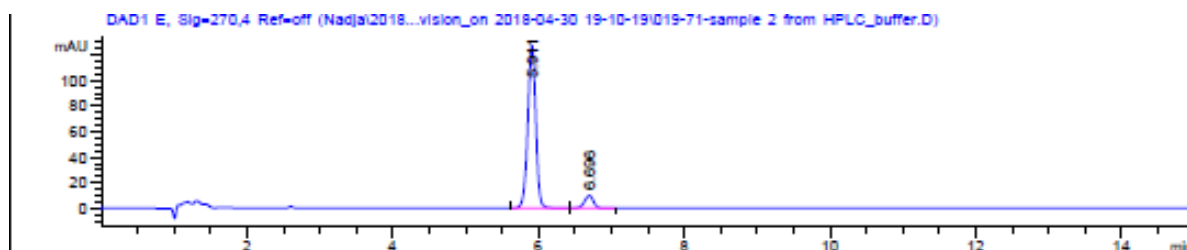
**Figure A10:** HPLC trace of **1b** (in DMSO) at the isosbestic point at 270 nm at the PSS.



**Figure A11:** HPLC trace of **1b** (in DMSO-buffer 1:2) at the isosbestic point at 270 nm at the thermal equilibrium.

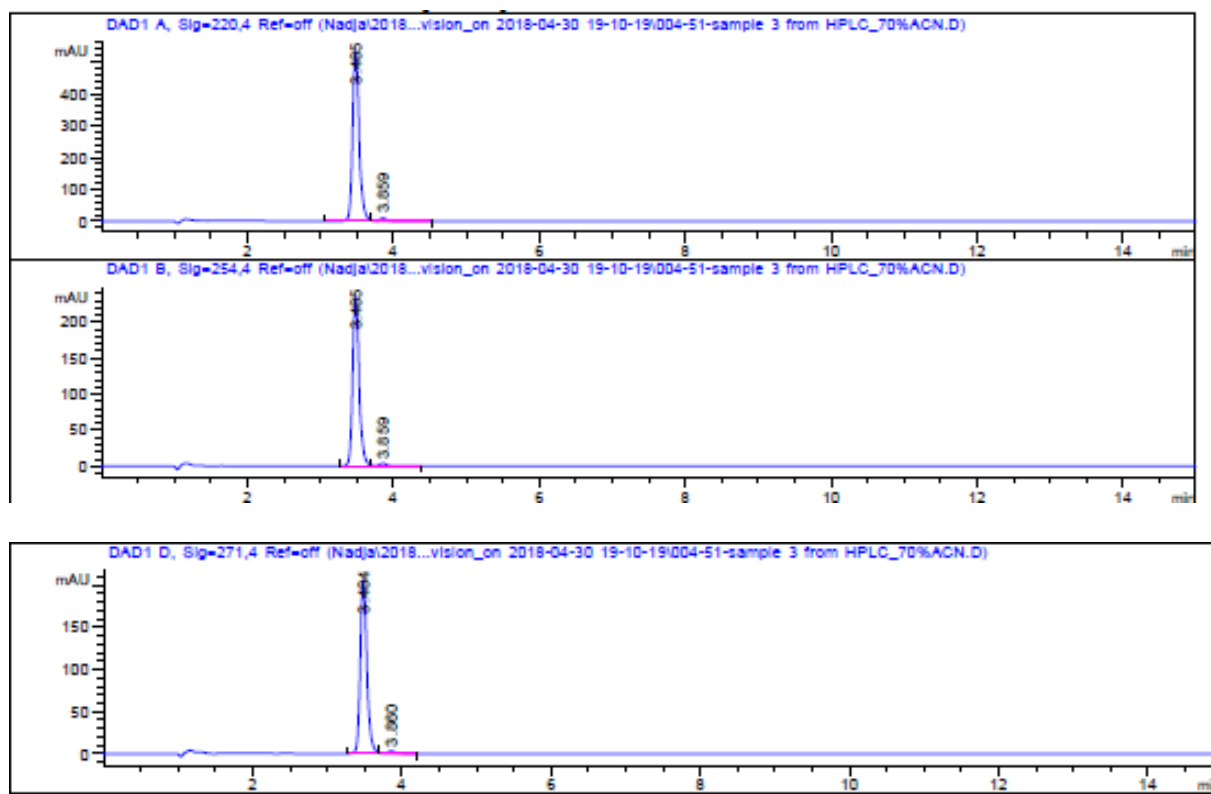


**Figure A12:** HPLC trace of **1b** (in DMSO-buffer 1:2) at the isosbestic point at 270 nm at the PSS.

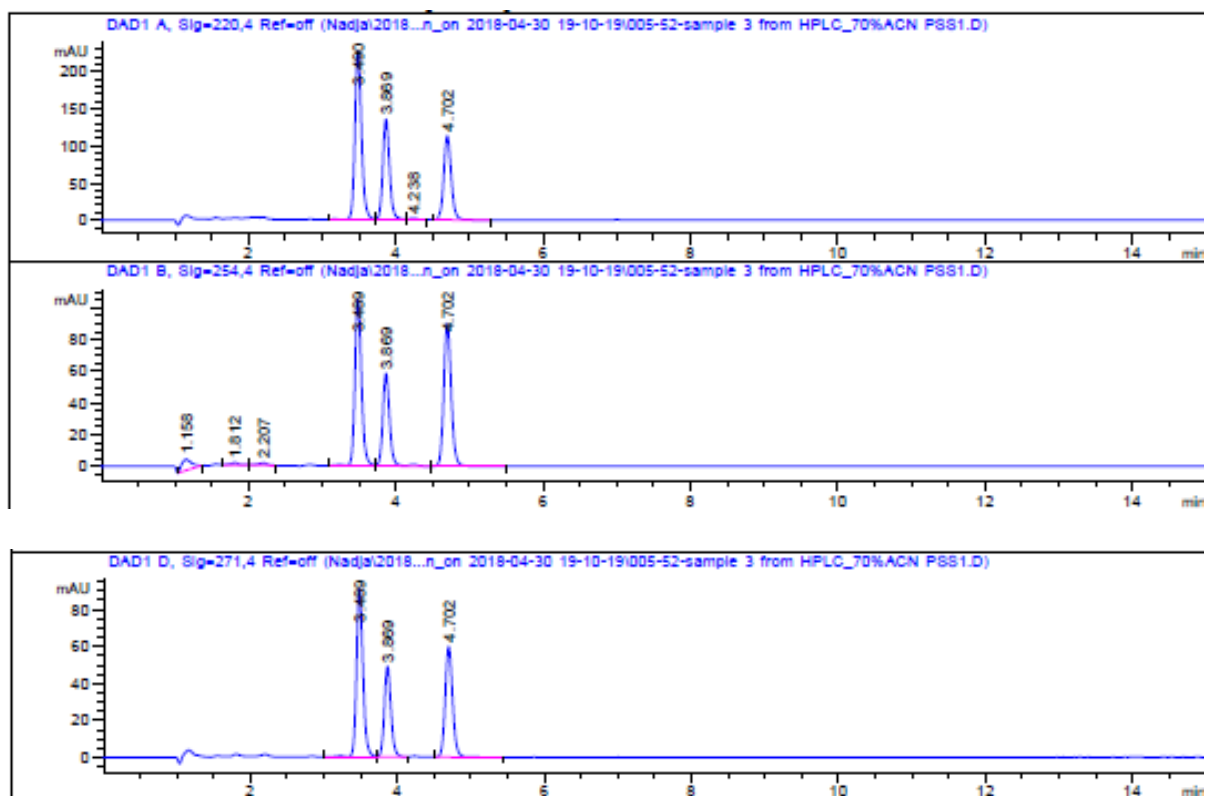


**Figure A13:** HPLC trace of **1b** (in buffer (5% DMSO)) at the isosbestic point at 270 nm at the thermal equilibrium.

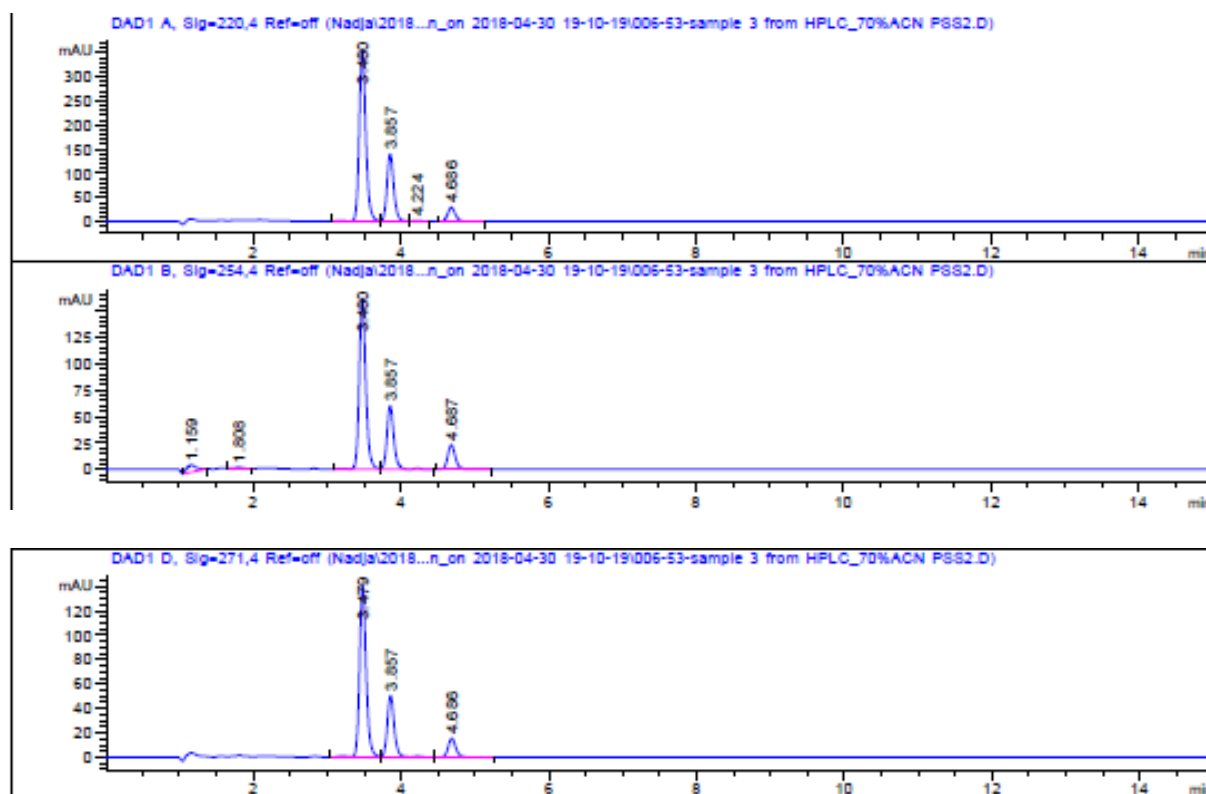
*Compound 1c*



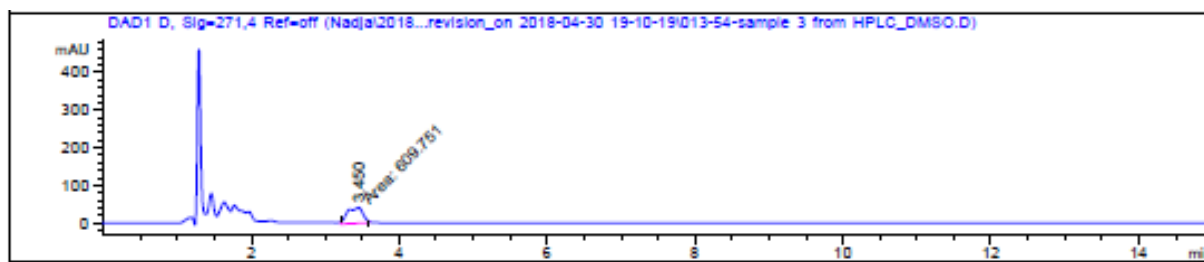
**Figure A14:** HPLC trace of **1c** (in 70% MeCN in H<sub>2</sub>O) at 220 nm, 254 nm and at the isosbestic point at 271 nm. Through origin from the first fraction of the first peak in preparative HPLC, the sample exhibits both the *E*- and the *Z*-isomer of the open form of the switch at the thermal equilibrium.



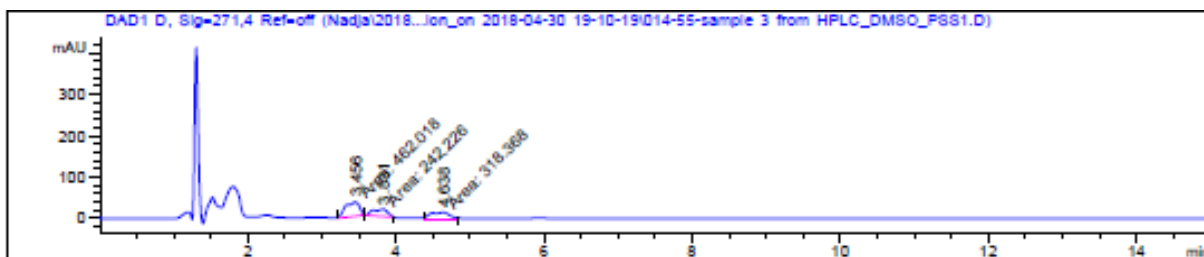
**Figure A15:** HPLC trace of **1c** (in 70% MeCN in H<sub>2</sub>O) at 220 nm, 254 nm and 271 nm at the PSS after irradiation with 400 nm.



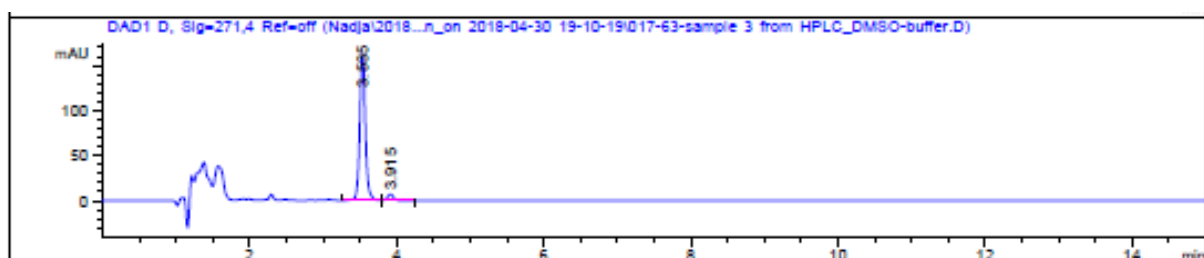
**Figure A16:** HPLC trace of **1c** (in 70% MeCN in H<sub>2</sub>O) at 220 nm, 254 nm and 271 nm at the PSS2 after irradiation with 590 nm.



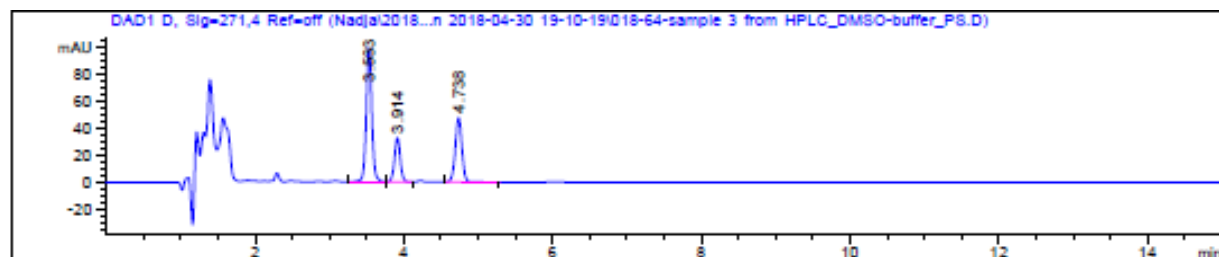
**Figure A17:** HPLC trace of **1c** (in DMSO) at the isosbestic point at 271 nm at the thermal equilibrium.



**Figure A18:** HPLC trace of **1c** (in DMSO) at the isosbestic point at 271 nm at the PSS after irradiation with 400 nm.

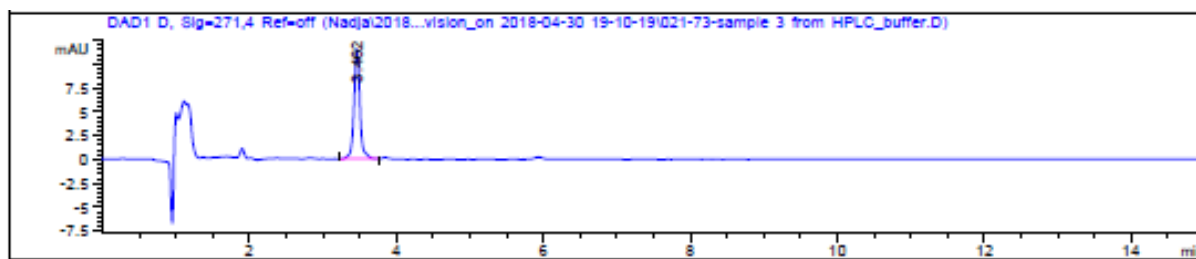


**Figure A19:** HPLC trace of **1c** (in DMSO-buffer 1:2) at the isosbestic point at 271 nm at the thermal equilibrium.

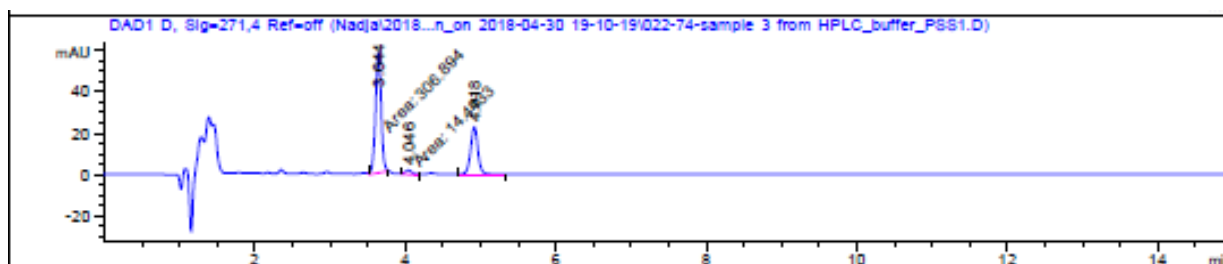


**Figure A20:** HPLC trace of **1c** (in DMSO-buffer 1:2) at the isosbestic point at 271 nm at the PSS state after irradiation with 400 nm.



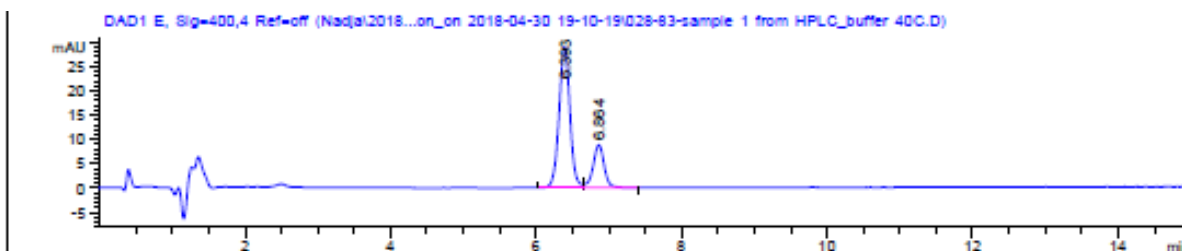


**Figure A21:** HPLC trace of **1c** (buffer (5% DMSO)) at the isosbestic point at 271 nm at the thermal equilibrium.

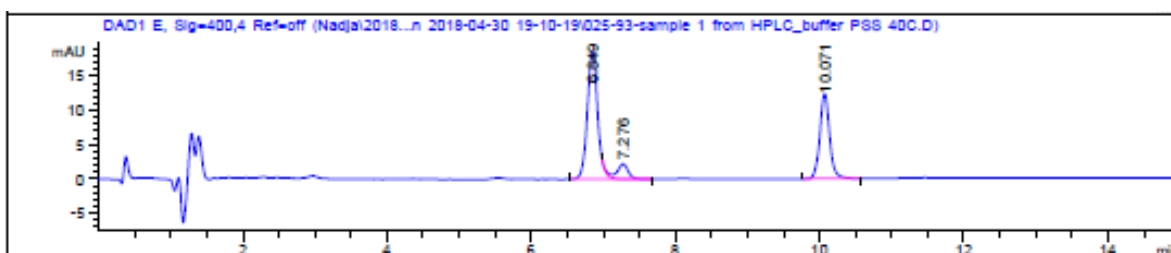


**Figure A22:** HPLC trace of **1c** (buffer (5% DMSO)) at the isosbestic point at 271 nm at the PSS after irradiation with 400 nm.

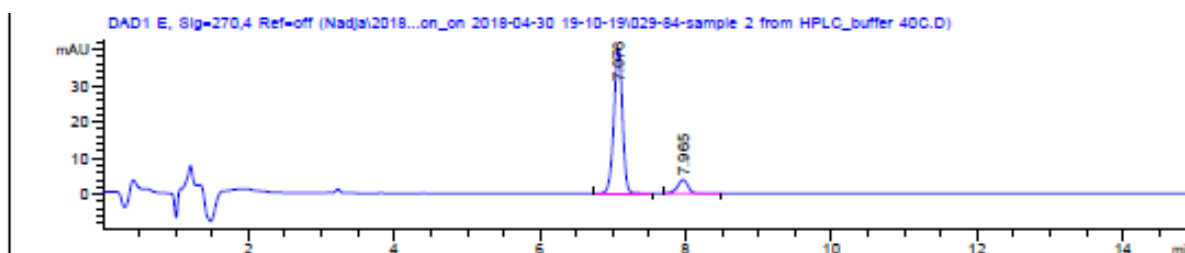
### Thermal stability



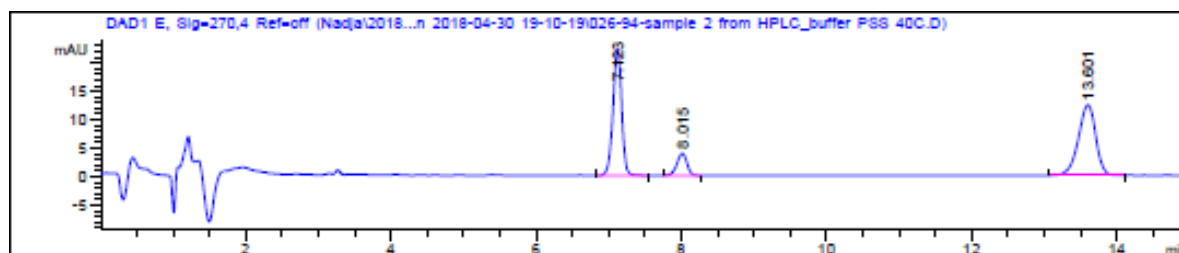
**Figure A23:** HPLC trace of **1a** (in buffer (5% DMSO)) at the isosbestic point at 400 nm at the thermal equilibrium after incubation at 40 C for 4h.



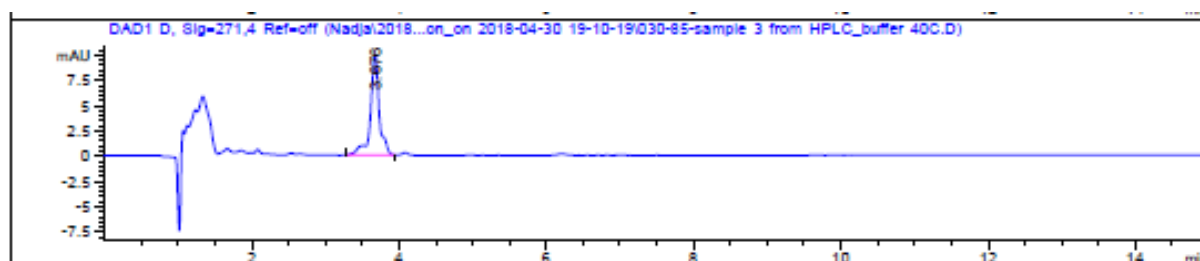
**Figure A24:** HPLC trace of **1a** (in buffer (5% DMSO)) at the isosbestic point 400 nm at the PSS after incubation at 40 C for 4h.



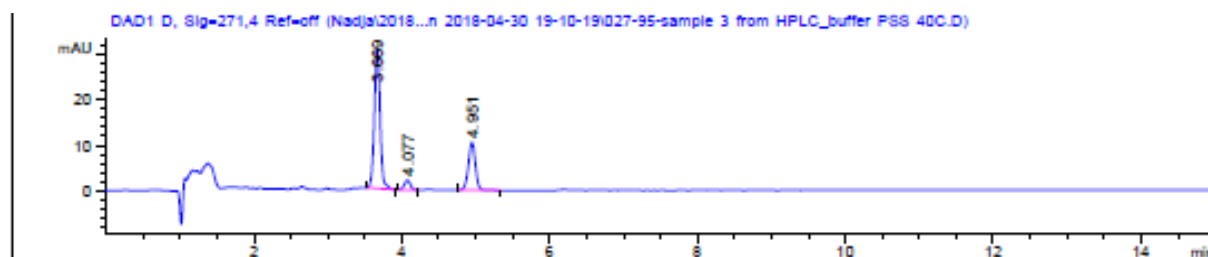
**Figure A25:** HPLC trace of **1b** (in buffer (5% DMSO)) at the isosbestic point at 270 nm at the thermal equilibrium after incubation at 40 C for 4h.



**Figure A26:** HPLC trace of **1b** (in buffer (5% DMSO)) at the isosbestic points at 270 nm at the PSS after incubation at 40 C for 4h.



**Figure A27:** HPLC trace of **1c** (in buffer (5% DMSO)) at the isosbestic point at 271 nm at the thermal equilibrium after incubation at 40 C for 4h.



**Figure A28:** HPLC trace of **1c** (in buffer (5% DMSO)) at the isosbestic point at 271 nm at the PSS after incubation at 40 C for 4h.

### 3. Spectroscopy

UV-Vis absorption and fluorescence spectra were determined using an appropriate 1cmx1cm quartz cuvette. The concentration of the solutions as well as the solvent (mixtures) are stated for every measurement.

The molar attenuation coefficient  $\varepsilon$  at a certain wavelength  $\lambda$  was determined according to the Lambert-Beer law:

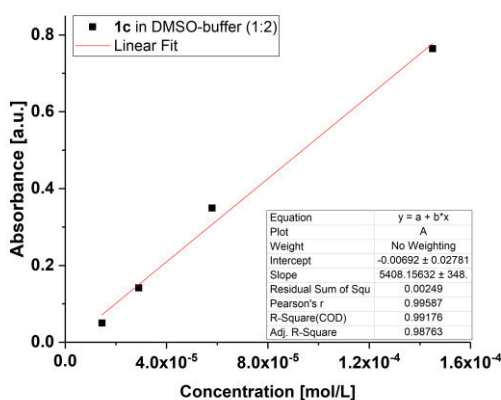
$$A = \varepsilon_{\lambda}cl$$

With A being the absorbance, c being the concentration and l being the pathlength (1 cm in our case). Hence, in a linear plot of A *versus* c,  $\varepsilon_{\lambda_{\max}}$  can be determined directly from the slope of the line.

Determination of  $\varepsilon_{\lambda_{\max}}$  of the closed forms is shown exemplarily for compound 1c in DMSO-buffer (1:2).

**Table A2:** Absorbance at  $\lambda_{\max} = 606$  nm of the closed isomer of 1c at the PSS at different concentrations.

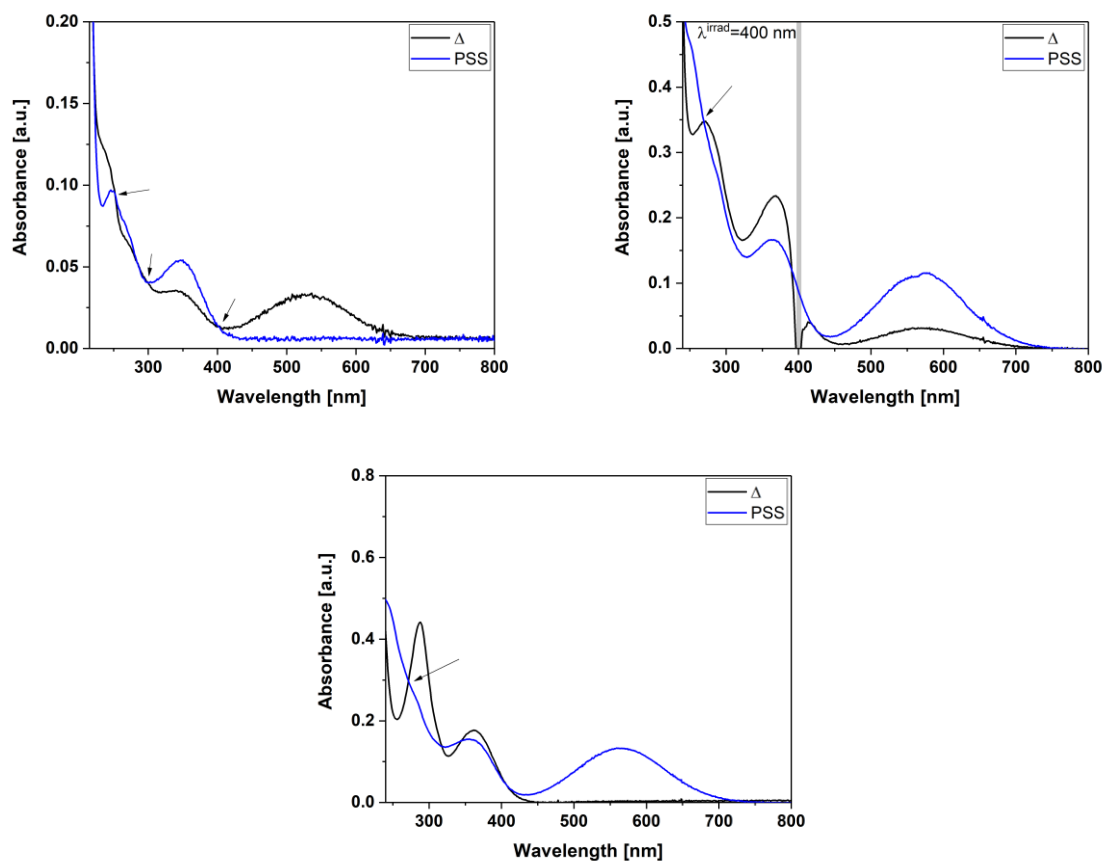
Absorbance [a.u.]	Concentration of <b>C-1c</b> [M]	Concentration of <b>1c</b> [M]
	at PSS (29% from HPLC)	
0.14182	2.90E-05	1.00E-04
0.05037	1.45E-05	5.00E-05
0.34923	5.80E-05	2.00E-04
0.764	1.45E-04	5.00E-04



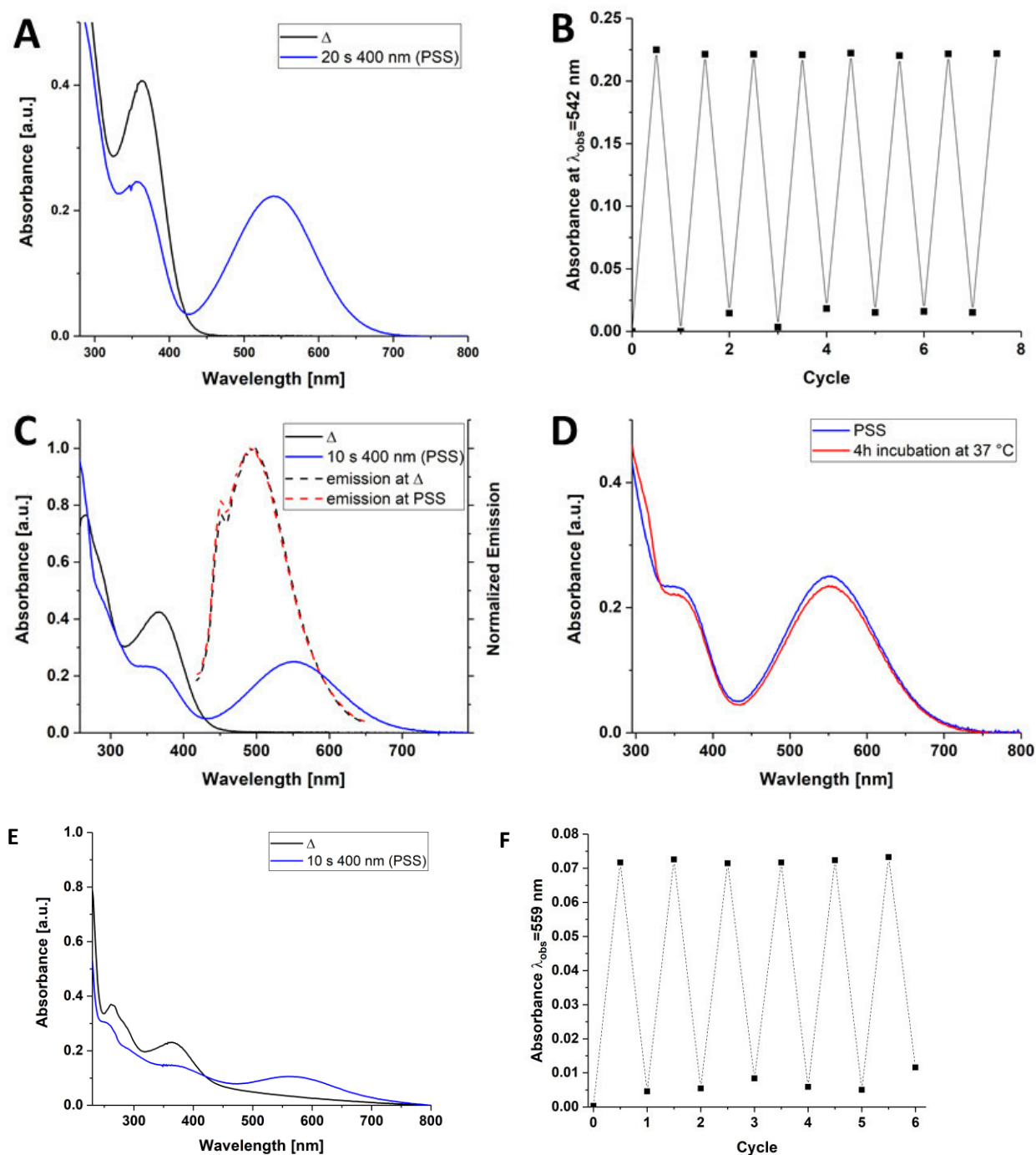
**Figure A29:** Plot of the absorbance of different concentrations of the amount of the closed form in 1c in DMSO-buffer (1:2).

From the slope of the plot it can be concluded that  $\varepsilon_{\lambda_{\max}} = 5408$  L/(mol\*cm) for **C-1c** at  $\lambda_{\max} = 606$  nm.

## Determination of Isosbestic Point for PSS Determination *via* HPLC

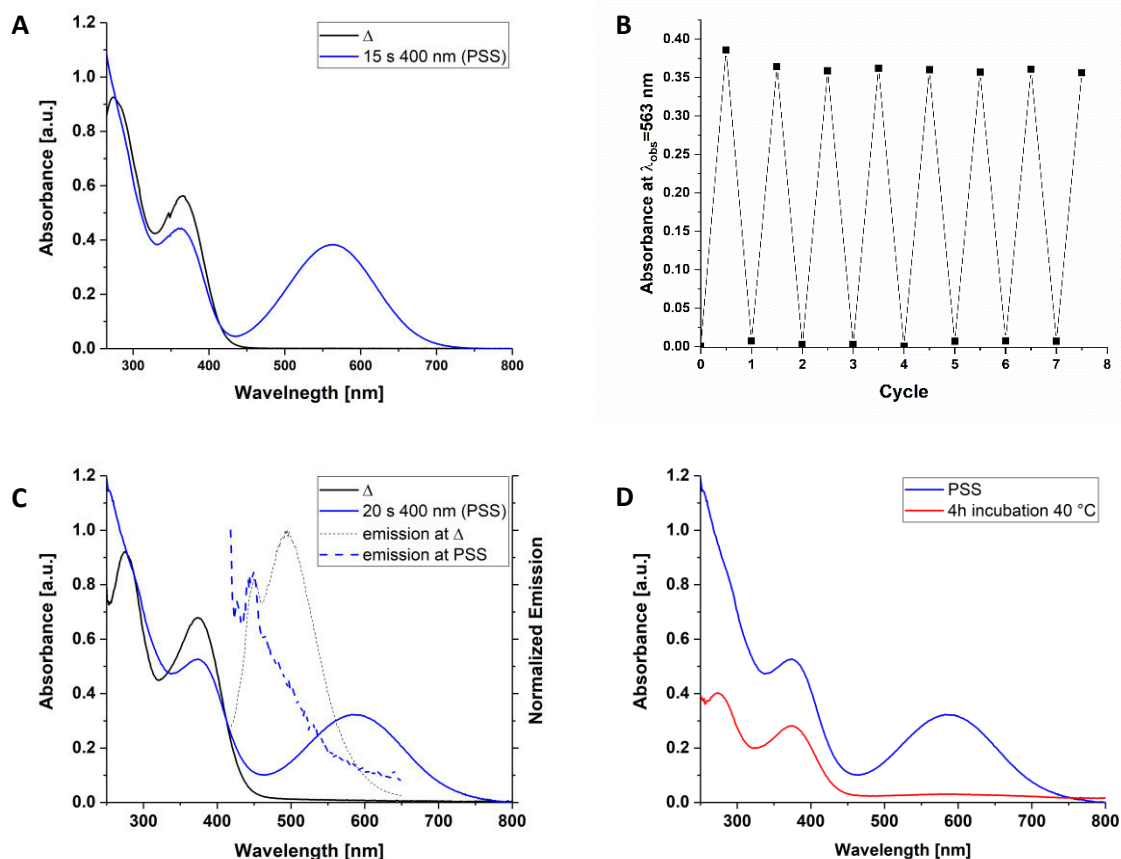


**Figure A30:** UV/Vis spectrum of **1a** (top left, 25  $\mu\text{M}$  in 40% MeCN in water), **1a** (top right, 100  $\mu\text{M}$  in 70% MeCN in water) and **1c** (bottom, 100  $\mu\text{M}$  in 70% MeCN in water) at the thermal equilibrium ( $\Delta$ , black line) and the PSS (blue line, upon irradiation with 400 nm). The isosbestic points at 400 nm, 270 nm and 271 nm, respectively, were chosen for PSS-analysis through analytical HPLC.



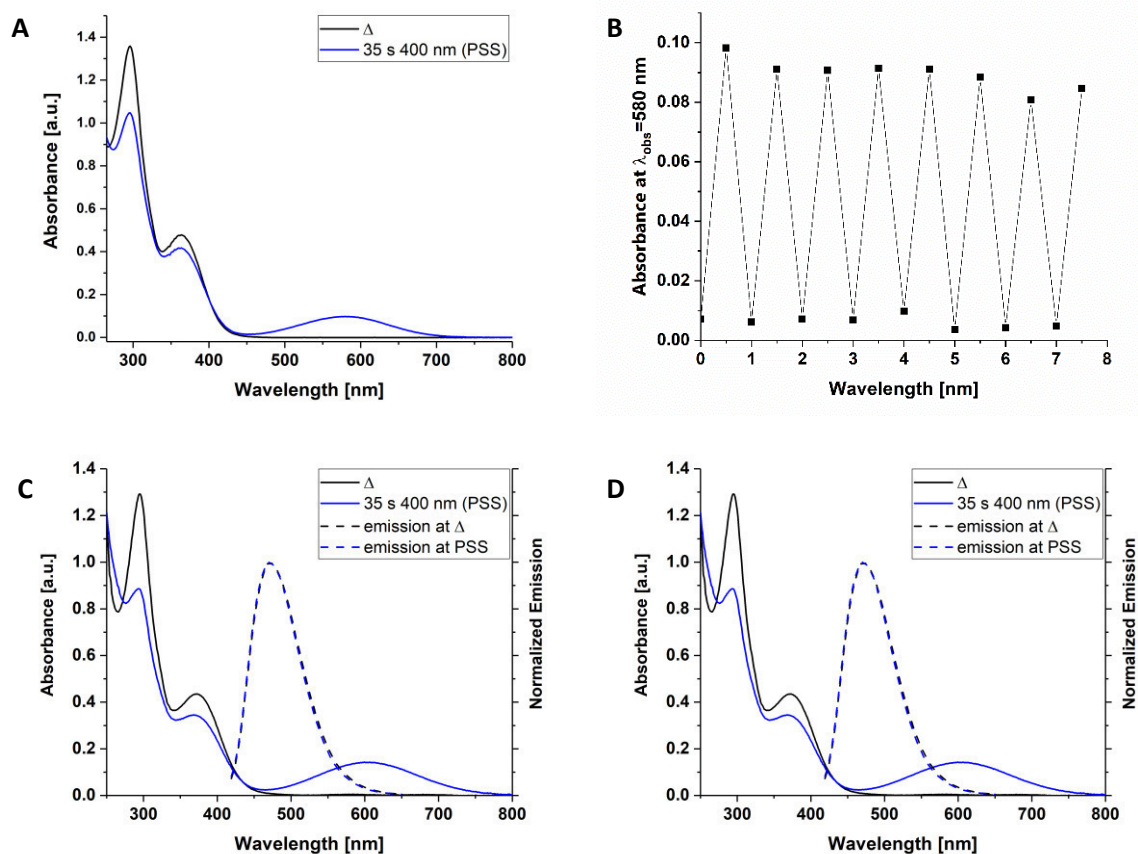
**Figure A31:** Spectroscopic properties of compound **1a** in various solvents. **A:** UV/Vis spectrum of **1a** 100  $\mu$ M in DMSO (black: open form, blue: PSS). **B:** Fatigue resistance of **1a** 100  $\mu$ M in DMSO over eight cycles ( $\lambda_{\text{obs}} = 542$  nm). **C:** Spectra of **1a** 100  $\mu$ M in assay buffer/DMSO 1:2 (solid black: UV/Vis spectrum of open form, solid blue: UV/Vis spectrum of PSS, dashed black: emission spectrum of open form, dashed blue: emission spectrum at PSS). **D:** Temperature stability of **1a** at 40  $^{\circ}$ C. **E:** UV/Vis spectrum of **1a** 100  $\mu$ M in assay buffer (black: open form, blue: PSS). **F:** Fatigue resistance of **1a** 10  $\mu$ M in assay buffer over six cycles ( $\lambda_{\text{obs}} = 559$  nm).

1b



**Figure A32:** Spectroscopic properties of compound **1b** in various solvents. **A:** UV/Vis spectrum of **1b** 100  $\mu$ M in DMSO (black: open form, blue: PSS). **B:** Fatigue resistance of **1b** 100  $\mu$ M in DMSO over eight cycles ( $\lambda_{\text{obs}} = 563$  nm). **C:** Spectra of **1b** 100  $\mu$ M in assay buffer/DMSO 1:2 (solid black: UV/Vis spectrum of open form, solid blue: UV/Vis spectrum of PSS, dashed black: emission spectrum of open form, dashed blue: emission spectrum at PSS). **D:** Temperature stability of **1b** at 40 °C.

1c



**Figure A33:** Spectroscopic properties of compound **1c** in various solvents. **A:** UV/Vis spectrum of **1c** 100  $\mu$ M in DMSO (black: open form, blue: PSS). **B:** Fatigue resistance of **1c** 100  $\mu$ M in DMSO over eight cycles ( $\lambda_{\text{obs}} = 580$  nm). **C:** Spectra of **1c** 100  $\mu$ M in assay buffer/DMSO 1:2 (solid black: UV/Vis spectrum of open form, solid blue: UV/Vis spectrum of PSS, dashed black: emission spectrum of open form, dashed blue: emission spectrum at PSS). **D:** Temperature stability of **C-1c** at 40  $^{\circ}$ C.



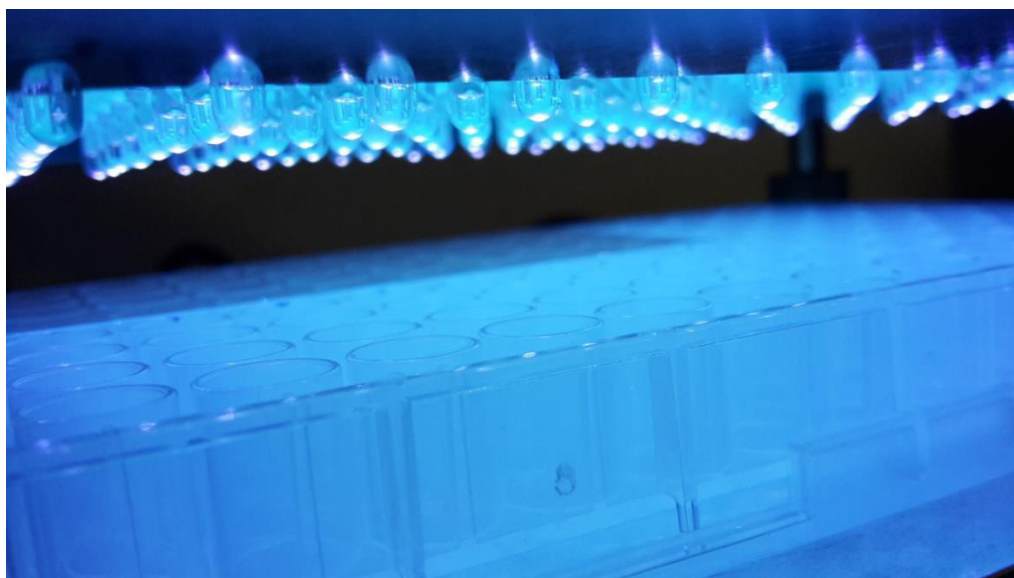
## 4. Biological Evaluation

### a) Cloning, expression and purification of recombinant proteins

The class I sirtuins (Sirt1<sub>133-747</sub>, Sirt2<sub>50-356</sub>, Sirt3<sub>118-395</sub>) were expressed and purified as described previously.<sup>1</sup> SDS-PAGE was used for verification of identity and purity of the expressed enzymes.<sup>2</sup> Protein concentrations were determined by Bradford assay.<sup>3</sup> NAD<sup>+</sup> dependence of Deacetylase activity was confirmed and could be inhibited by nicotinamide.

### b) Homogeneous ZMAL-based fluorescence assay

The ZMAL-assay was performed in black 96 well plates (OptiPlate™ -96F, black, 96 well, Pinch bar design, PerkinElmer, USA). ZMAL (Z-Lys(acetyl)-AMC) was used as substrate.<sup>4</sup> The respective sirtuins were mixed with 5  $\mu$ L substrate (10.5  $\mu$ M final assay concentration) and 3  $\mu$ L of DMSO as a control (5 % (v/v) final assay concentration) or various concentrations of inhibitor solved in DMSO. The mixture was filled up to 55  $\mu$ L with assay buffer (50 mM Tris/HCl, 137 mM NaCl, 2.7 mM KCl, 1 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, pH 8.0). The enzyme concentration was adjusted to 20-30 % conversion. The plates were irradiated from 1 cm distance with a custom made 96-well irradiation setup (each LED 400 nm, 5 mW, Figure A10) for 15 min for conversion to the closed isomer (or with a single LED for 1 min (590 nm, 5 mW) to retain the open isoform).



**Figure A34:** 96-well irradiation setup and an exemplary 96-well plate.

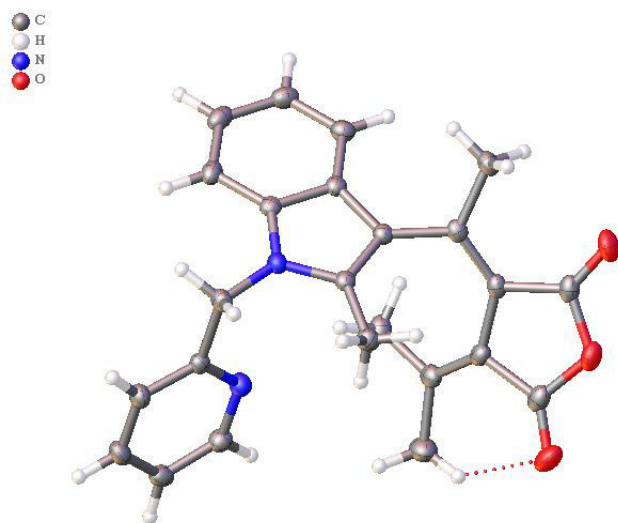
Addition of 5  $\mu$ L NAD<sup>+</sup> (6 mM in assay buffer, final assay concentration 500  $\mu$ M) initiated the enzymatic reaction. After incubation at 37 °C for 4 h with agitation at 140 rpm the catalytic reaction was stopped by addition of 60  $\mu$ L stop solution (50 mM Tris, 100 mM NaCl, 6.7 % (v/v) DMSO, trypsin 5.5 U/ $\mu$ L, 8 mM nicotinamide, pH 8.0). The plate was incubated for another 20 min at 37 °C



and 140 rpm to cleave off the AMC fluorophore from the deacetylated substrate. The fluorescence intensity was measured in a microplate reader ( $\lambda_{\text{Ex}} = 390 \text{ nm}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{Em}} = 460 \text{ nm}$ , BMG POLARstar Optima, BMG Labtech, Germany). Additionally, a blanc control without substrate and a 100 % control with AMC instead of ZMAL were measured. To measure the intrinsic fluorescence of the compounds 1a-c a no-conversion control was employed using the same conditions as described above (similar concentration, irradiation and incubation times) without addition of the substrate. The substrate was added after the reaction was stopped to get a composition similar to the normal assay conditions without any substrate conversion. The Blanc corrected values for the no-conversion control was subtracted from the measured fluorescence intensities.  $EC_{50}$  values were calculated with GraphPad Prism software (La Jolla, CA) using a nonlinear regression to fit the dose response curve.  $IC_{50}$  values were calculated from  $EC_{50}$  and hill slope values by this formula  $IC_{50} =$

$$\left( \frac{y_{\text{max}} - y_{\text{min}}}{50 - y_{\text{min}}} - 1 \right)^{\frac{1}{H}} * EC_{50}.$$

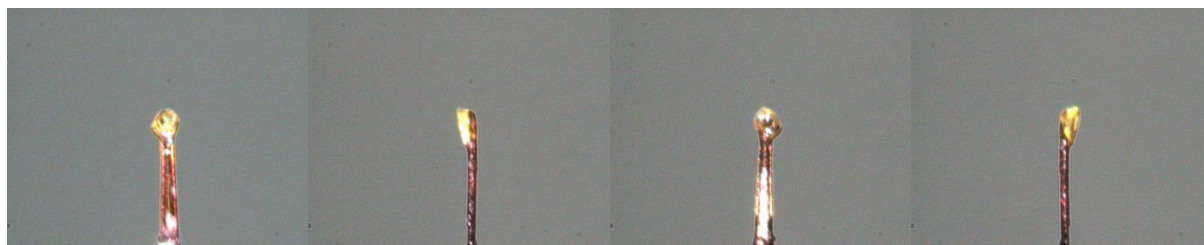
## 5. X-Ray



**Experimental.** Single clear orange plate-shaped crystals of **7a** were obtained from crystallization aqueous MeCN. A suitable crystal ( $0.13 \times 0.11 \times 0.07$  mm<sup>3</sup>) was selected and mounted on on a SuperNova, Single source at offset, Atlas diffractometer. The crystal was kept at  $T = 293.48(10)$  K during data collection. Using **Olex2**,<sup>5</sup> the structure was solved with the **ShelXT**<sup>6</sup> structure solution program, using the Intrinsic Phasing solution method. The model was refined with version 2016/6 of **ShelXL**<sup>7</sup> using Least Squares minimisation.

**Crystal Data.** C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>,  $M_r = 386.43$ , triclinic, P-1 (No. 2),  $a = 9.6373(3)$  Å,  $b = 9.6529(3)$  Å,  $c = 11.2938(4)$  Å,  $\alpha = 104.087(3)^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 108.553(3)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 93.234(2)^\circ$ ,  $V = 955.79(6)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $T = 293.48(10)$  K,  $Z = 2$ ,  $Z' = 1$ ,  $m(\text{CuK}\alpha) = 0.718$ , 21114 reflections measured, 3801 unique ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0360$ ) which were used in all calculations. The final  $wR_2$  was 0.0909 (all data) and  $R_1$  was 0.0351 ( $I > 2(I)$ ).

Compound	<b>7a</b>
Formula	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>22</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
$D_{\text{calc.}}/\text{g cm}^{-3}$	1.343
$m/\text{mm}^{-1}$	0.718
Formula Weight	386.43
Colour	clear orange
Shape	plate
Size/mm <sup>3</sup>	$0.13 \times 0.11 \times 0.07$
$T/\text{K}$	293.48(10)
Crystal System	triclinic
Space Group	P-1
$a/\text{\AA}$	9.6373(3)
$b/\text{\AA}$	9.6529(3)
$c/\text{\AA}$	11.2938(4)
$\alpha/^\circ$	104.087(3)
$\beta/^\circ$	108.553(3)
$\gamma/^\circ$	93.234(2)
$V/\text{\AA}^3$	955.79(6)
$Z$	2
$Z'$	1
Wavelength/Å	1.54184
Radiation type	CuK $\alpha$
$Q_{\text{min}}/^\circ$	4.296
$Q_{\text{max}}/^\circ$	73.596
Measured Refl.	21114
Independent Refl.	3801
Reflections Used	3345
$R_{\text{int}}$	0.0360
Parameters	306
Restraints	0
Largest Peak	0.241
Deepest Hole	-0.248
GooF	1.035
$wR_2$ (all data)	0.0909
$wR_2$	0.0866
$R_1$ (all data)	0.0407
$R_1$	0.0351



**Figure A35:** Images of the Crystal on the Diffractometer.

**Table A3:** Fractional Atomic Coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for **7a**.  $U_{eq}$  is defined as 1/3 of the trace of the orthogonalised  $U_{ij}$ .

Atom	x	y	z	$U_{eq}$
O1	1682.6(11)	3505.7(11)	10869.3(9)	28.8(2)
O2	1617.5(11)	5878.9(11)	11223.5(9)	32.8(2)
O3	1893.8(13)	1188.3(11)	10106.9(10)	37.7(3)
N1	1522.0(11)	4091.5(11)	5241.8(10)	18.7(2)
N2	2368.2(12)	1386.9(11)	4778.7(10)	22.5(2)
C1	2628.7(13)	5221.0(12)	5511.0(12)	18.7(2)
C2	3092.0(13)	5917.5(12)	6849.5(12)	18.5(2)
C3	2244.2(13)	5138.2(12)	7391.6(11)	17.7(2)
C20	1406.9(13)	1678.4(13)	3754.4(12)	18.8(2)
C4	1313.8(13)	4023.2(12)	6378.3(11)	18.0(2)
C6	2282.3(13)	5516.5(13)	8735.6(11)	18.9(2)
C8	2667.7(14)	3037.0(13)	9199.8(12)	20.7(3)
C19	778.1(14)	3090.0(13)	3972.9(12)	22.1(3)
C18	3267.1(15)	5654.3(14)	4683.4(13)	23.3(3)
C7	2361.3(13)	4538.7(13)	9436.6(11)	19.9(3)
C11	4434.2(14)	3109.7(14)	7997.9(12)	23.8(3)
C13	1882.0(14)	4810.2(15)	10582.2(12)	24.4(3)
C5	186.8(14)	2912.7(13)	6388.6(12)	22.1(3)
C23	2529.1(15)	-853.1(14)	3361.1(13)	24.7(3)
C15	4266.7(14)	7066.6(13)	7385.8(13)	22.4(3)
C21	950.5(15)	744.6(14)	2506.0(12)	23.3(3)
C10	3545.5(14)	2360.6(13)	8587.6(12)	22.7(3)
C16	4906.7(15)	7494.1(14)	6572.1(14)	26.2(3)
C9	2061.1(15)	2395.8(15)	10026.8(12)	26.3(3)
C22	1523.8(15)	-537.8(14)	2309.9(13)	26.8(3)
C17	4403.2(15)	6799.7(14)	5237.8(14)	26.4(3)
C24	2910.2(14)	133.0(14)	4564.2(13)	24.1(3)
C14	2094.7(15)	7063.4(14)	9268.8(12)	24.1(3)
C12	3716.2(18)	797.2(15)	8457.3(15)	34.3(3)

**Table A4:** Anisotropic Displacement Parameters ( $\times 10^4$ ) **7a**. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form:  $-2p^2[b^2a^{*2} \times U_{11} + \dots + 2hka^* \times b^* \times U_{12}]$

Atom	$U_{11}$	$U_{22}$	$U_{33}$	$U_{23}$	$U_{13}$	$U_{12}$
O1	28.8(5)	38.7(5)	22.7(5)	11.2(4)	12.4(4)	2.2(4)
O2	35.1(5)	40.6(6)	23.7(5)	1.9(4)	16.1(4)	7.7(4)
O3	47.6(6)	34.1(6)	33.6(6)	16.6(4)	12.9(5)	-4.0(5)
N1	20.8(5)	18.3(5)	16.7(5)	3.9(4)	6.3(4)	4.9(4)
N2	22.9(5)	23.1(5)	20.3(5)	5.3(4)	6.2(4)	5.4(4)
C1	18.9(6)	17.9(5)	21.4(6)	7.6(5)	7.4(5)	7.4(4)
C2	19.5(6)	17.4(5)	20.7(6)	6.3(4)	8.2(5)	6.6(4)
C3	17.5(5)	17.6(5)	19.0(6)	5.1(4)	7.0(5)	5.0(4)
C20	17.9(6)	19.6(6)	19.5(6)	5.0(5)	7.7(5)	1.8(4)
C4	18.5(6)	18.1(5)	19.0(6)	6.1(4)	7.1(5)	6.5(4)
C6	14.3(5)	21.8(6)	18.5(6)	2.7(5)	5.0(5)	2.2(4)
C8	21.4(6)	22.5(6)	16.5(6)	6.4(5)	4.0(5)	0.0(5)
C19	23.8(6)	22.2(6)	16.6(6)	2.9(5)	3.4(5)	6.0(5)
C18	27.2(6)	26.1(6)	23.4(6)	11.4(5)	13.0(5)	11.7(5)
C7	17.2(6)	24.8(6)	16.3(6)	3.0(5)	5.8(5)	1.6(5)
C11	21.2(6)	30.9(7)	20.8(6)	7.8(5)	7.7(5)	9.7(5)
C13	20.3(6)	33.4(7)	18.4(6)	5.9(5)	6.4(5)	1.8(5)
C5	19.8(6)	21.5(6)	23.1(6)	4.7(5)	6.3(5)	0.6(5)
C23	25.5(6)	20.2(6)	31.5(7)	6.6(5)	14.4(6)	4.6(5)
C15	21.2(6)	19.5(6)	25.9(7)	5.7(5)	7.5(5)	3.7(5)
C21	24.6(6)	25.3(6)	18.4(6)	4.3(5)	6.3(5)	4.1(5)
C10	25.3(6)	23.2(6)	16.8(6)	5.2(5)	3.4(5)	4.2(5)
C16	23.4(6)	21.9(6)	37.0(7)	10.8(5)	13.0(6)	4.1(5)
C9	24.7(6)	32.4(7)	19.9(6)	9.4(5)	4.4(5)	-1.2(5)
C22	31.2(7)	23.7(6)	23.9(7)	0.3(5)	12.3(6)	2.5(5)
C17	27.7(7)	28.2(7)	35.0(7)	17.4(6)	18.5(6)	11.3(5)
C24	23.9(6)	24.8(6)	26.1(7)	9.9(5)	9.1(5)	6.9(5)
C14	26.3(6)	23.7(6)	19.8(6)	1.8(5)	7.3(5)	6.1(5)
C12	45.7(9)	25.4(7)	33.4(8)	9.4(6)	13.6(7)	11.1(6)

**Table A5:** Bond Lengths in Å for **7a**.

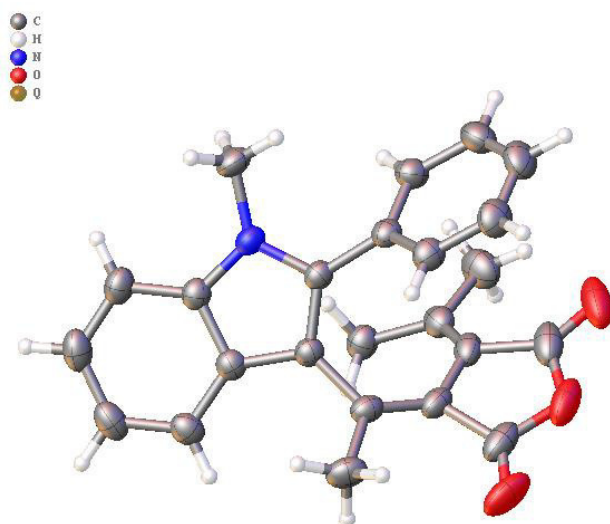
Atom	Atom	Length/Å	Atom	Atom	Length/Å
O1	C13	1.3925(17)	C20	C21	1.3913(17)
O1	C9	1.3981(17)	C4	C5	1.4871(16)
O2	C13	1.1988(16)	C6	C7	1.3627(18)
O3	C9	1.1968(17)	C6	C14	1.5122(16)
N1	C1	1.3855(15)	C8	C7	1.4731(17)
N1	C4	1.3769(15)	C8	C10	1.3546(18)
N1	C19	1.4477(15)	C8	C9	1.4782(17)
N2	C20	1.3347(17)	C18	C17	1.3796(19)
N2	C24	1.3438(17)	C7	C13	1.4781(16)
C1	C2	1.4066(17)	C11	C10	1.4925(18)
C1	C18	1.3980(17)	C23	C22	1.385(2)
C2	C3	1.4427(16)	C23	C24	1.3786(18)
C2	C15	1.4049(17)	C15	C16	1.3827(18)
C3	C4	1.3822(17)	C21	C22	1.3814(19)
C3	C6	1.4601(16)	C10	C12	1.5039(18)
C20	C19	1.5197(17)	C16	C17	1.401(2)

**Table A6:** Bond Angles in ° for **7a**.

Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°
C13	O1	C9	110.50(10)
C1	N1	C19	124.79(10)
C4	N1	C1	109.32(10)
C4	N1	C19	125.77(10)
C20	N2	C24	117.17(11)
N1	C1	C2	107.74(10)
N1	C1	C18	129.80(11)
C18	C1	C2	122.44(11)
C1	C2	C3	106.82(10)
C15	C2	C1	119.00(11)
C15	C2	C3	133.96(11)
C2	C3	C6	126.53(11)
C4	C3	C2	106.97(10)
C4	C3	C6	126.36(11)
N2	C20	C19	118.13(10)
N2	C20	C21	122.95(11)
C21	C20	C19	118.91(11)
N1	C4	C3	109.09(10)
N1	C4	C5	121.39(11)
C3	C4	C5	129.47(11)
C3	C6	C14	114.86(10)
C7	C6	C3	123.31(11)
C7	C6	C14	121.63(11)
C7	C8	C9	105.69(10)
C10	C8	C7	131.10(11)
C10	C8	C9	122.10(12)
N1	C19	C20	114.18(10)
C17	C18	C1	117.07(12)
C6	C7	C8	132.30(11)
C6	C7	C13	121.34(11)
C8	C7	C13	105.77(10)
O1	C13	C7	108.44(11)
O2	C13	O1	119.06(11)
O2	C13	C7	132.46(13)
C24	C23	C22	118.18(12)
C16	C15	C2	118.73(12)
C22	C21	C20	118.80(12)
C8	C10	C11	122.75(11)
C8	C10	C12	122.77(12)
C11	C10	C12	114.48(11)
C15	C16	C17	121.05(12)
O1	C9	C8	108.23(11)
O3	C9	O1	119.05(12)
O3	C9	C8	132.68(13)
C21	C22	C23	118.99(12)
C18	C17	C16	121.68(12)
N2	C24	C23	123.91(12)

**Table A7:** Hydrogen Fractional Atomic Coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for **7a**.  $U_{eq}$  is defined as 1/3 of the trace of the orthogonalized  $U_{ij}$ .

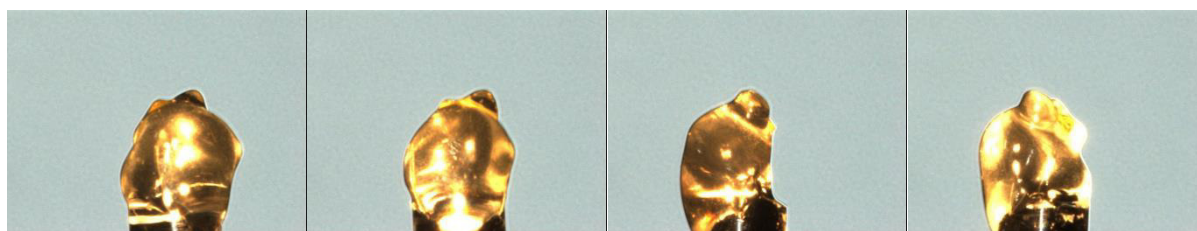
Atom	x	y	z	$U_{eq}$
H11A	3883.49	2967.61	7093.92	36
H11B	5344.67	2719.88	8084.6	36
H11C	4646.15	4123.54	8435.87	36
H5A	-694.23	2792.4	5649.74	33
H5B	-41.84	3216.69	7171.55	33
H5C	569.12	2011.95	6351.08	33
H14A	2268.86	7630.05	8725.91	36
H14B	2789.69	7444.99	10135.3	36
H14C	1106.57	7097.1	9283.54	36
H12A	3136.61	401.26	8880.7	51
H12B	4738.38	717.57	8854.27	51
H12C	3382.6	274.63	7553.64	51
H16	5704(19)	8274(18)	6929(16)	32(4)
H22	1237(19)	-1199(18)	1456(17)	36(4)
H17	4913(18)	7105(17)	4692(16)	29(4)
H18	2926(18)	5139(17)	3744(16)	28(4)
H21	283(19)	1019(17)	1811(17)	32(4)
H15	4630(17)	7550(16)	8315(15)	23(4)
H23	2937(19)	-1753(19)	3263(16)	33(4)
H24	3602(19)	-61(17)	5323(17)	31(4)
H19A	-279(17)	2881(16)	3843(14)	22(4)
H19B	828(17)	3563(17)	3297(16)	27(4)



**Experimental.** Single clear yellow prism-shaped crystals of **7c** were obtained by recrystallisation from ethyl acetate. A suitable crystal (0.17×0.09×0.06) mm<sup>3</sup> was selected and mounted on a glass fibre with superglue on a XtaLAB Synergy R, DW system, HyPix diffractometer. The crystal was kept at  $T = 122.99(10)$  K during data collection. Using **Olex2**,<sup>5</sup> the structure was solved with the ShelXT<sup>6</sup> structure solution program, using the Intrinsic Phasing solution method. The model was refined with version 2016/6 of **ShelXL**<sup>7</sup> using Least Squares minimisation.

**Crystal Data.** C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>,  $M_r = 371.42$ , monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$  (No. 14),  $a = 10.6727(2)$  Å,  $b = 12.2092(2)$  Å,  $c = 15.0377(2)$  Å,  $\beta = 101.4650(10)^\circ$ ,  $\alpha = \gamma = 90^\circ$ ,  $V = 1920.39(5)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $T = 122.99(10)$  K,  $Z = 4$ ,  $Z' = 1$ ,  $\mu(\text{CuK}\alpha) = 0.678$ , 40249 reflections measured, 3936 unique ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0383$ ) which were used in all calculations. The final  $wR_2$  was 0.1129 (all data) and  $R_1$  was 0.0400 ( $I > 2(I)$ ).

Compound	7c
Formula	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>21</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>
$D_{\text{calc.}} / \text{g cm}^{-3}$	1.285
$\mu / \text{mm}^{-1}$	0.678
Formula Weight	371.42
Colour	clear yellow
Shape	prism
Size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.17×0.09×0.06
$T/\text{K}$	122.99(10)
Crystal System	monoclinic
Space Group	$P2_1/c$
$a/\text{\AA}$	10.6727(2)
$b/\text{\AA}$	12.2092(2)
$c/\text{\AA}$	15.0377(2)
$\alpha/^\circ$	90
$\beta/^\circ$	101.4650(10)
$\gamma/^\circ$	90
$V/\text{\AA}^3$	1920.39(5)
$Z$	4
$Z'$	1
Wavelength/Å	1.54184
Radiation type	CuK $\alpha$
$\theta_{\text{min}}/^\circ$	4.227
$\theta_{\text{max}}/^\circ$	74.682
Measured Refl.	40249
Independent Refl.	3936
Reflections Used	3541
$R_{\text{int}}$	0.0383
Parameters	257
Restraints	0
Largest Peak	0.217
Deepest Hole	-0.263
GooF	1.058
$wR_2$ (all data)	0.1129
$wR_2$	0.1099
$R_1$ (all data)	0.0436
$R_1$	0.0400



**Figure A36:** Images of the Crystal on the Diffractometer.

**Table A8:** Fractional Atomic Coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for **7c**.  $U_{eq}$  is defined as 1/3 of the trace of the orthogonalised  $U_{ij}$ .

Atom	x	y	z	$U_{eq}$
N9	1988.6(9)	5326.8(8)	5348.8(7)	31.4(2)
O23	4086.8(12)	9139.8(9)	3184.4(8)	60.4(3)
O25	5554.4(12)	7910.8(12)	2965.0(8)	67.9(4)
O24	2371.5(16)	10016.2(9)	3473.1(9)	72.7(4)
C10	2753.4(11)	7260.6(10)	5348.8(8)	31.4(3)
C8	2601.8(10)	6146.9(10)	4966.6(8)	29.3(2)
C7	3064.2(10)	5719.1(10)	4239.1(8)	29.6(2)
C6	2740.8(11)	4574(1)	4186.6(8)	31.3(3)
C1	2074.4(11)	4361.6(10)	4888.8(8)	32.1(3)
C16	3826.9(11)	6303.6(11)	3684.6(8)	33.1(3)
C20	3527.8(12)	7328.3(11)	3355.9(8)	35.9(3)
C21	2395.0(14)	8014.3(10)	3346.5(8)	37.6(3)
C26	1138.9(13)	7754.2(11)	3159.9(8)	38.0(3)
C11	3968.9(12)	7730.8(11)	5551.8(9)	37.8(3)
C15	1708.6(13)	7878.4(11)	5487.6(9)	38.0(3)
C28	689.2(12)	6611.7(11)	2932.2(9)	38.7(3)
C5	2939.0(12)	3711.9(11)	3613.8(9)	38.2(3)
C2	1660.9(12)	3312.2(11)	5060.9(10)	40.2(3)
C18	1519.8(13)	5387.8(12)	6190.5(9)	39.7(3)
C4	2525.5(13)	2673.3(11)	3781.6(11)	44.2(3)
C17	5034.1(12)	5732.8(14)	3559.8(10)	44.9(3)
C3	1904.6(13)	2473.9(11)	4501.5(11)	45.7(3)
C14	1878.4(15)	8945.8(12)	5803.8(10)	46.0(3)
C19	4514.3(15)	8064.1(14)	3128.7(10)	50.2(4)
C12	4128.7(15)	8796.1(13)	5867(1)	47.6(3)
C22	2864.1(18)	9156.9(12)	3368.2(10)	52.7(4)
C13	3087.4(17)	9406.1(12)	5991.3(10)	50.6(4)
C27	96.7(17)	8582.9(13)	3149.5(12)	54.9(4)

**Table A9:** Anisotropic Displacement Parameters ( $\times 10^4$ ) **7c**. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form:  $-2\pi^2[h^2a^{*2} \times U_{11} + \dots + 2hka^* \times b^* \times U_{12}]$

Atom	$U_{11}$	$U_{22}$	$U_{33}$	$U_{23}$	$U_{13}$	$U_{12}$
N9	30.8(5)	33.6(5)	31.3(5)	1.2(4)	9.6(4)	-4.6(4)
O23	78.6(8)	50.3(7)	49.6(6)	7.9(5)	6.4(5)	-33.1(6)
O25	53.7(7)	97.7(10)	56.0(7)	9.9(6)	19.7(5)	-34.8(6)
O24	123.8(12)	30.8(6)	56.9(7)	-0.6(5)	1.8(7)	-5.1(6)
C10	34.7(6)	33.8(6)	26.1(5)	-0.6(4)	6.8(4)	-4.1(5)
C8	26.5(5)	32.1(6)	29.4(5)	1.7(5)	5.6(4)	-2.5(4)
C7	26.7(5)	31.7(6)	30.7(6)	0.0(4)	6.3(4)	-1.4(4)
C6	26.0(5)	32.7(6)	34.5(6)	-0.7(5)	4.4(4)	-0.2(4)
C1	28.1(5)	31.9(6)	35.5(6)	1.1(5)	4.6(5)	-2.1(4)
C16	29.8(6)	41.6(7)	28.7(6)	-3.8(5)	7.9(4)	-7.1(5)
C20	38.8(6)	40.8(7)	29.1(6)	-0.3(5)	8.9(5)	-13.0(5)
C21	53.6(8)	30.3(6)	28.4(6)	2.0(5)	6.7(5)	-6.9(5)
C26	48.7(7)	34.4(6)	31.1(6)	4.4(5)	8.7(5)	4.1(5)
C11	36.6(6)	40.2(7)	35.7(6)	-2.4(5)	5.1(5)	-6.0(5)
C15	38.2(6)	39.6(7)	37.6(6)	-4.1(5)	10.7(5)	-1.9(5)
C28	34.5(6)	38.6(7)	42.6(7)	3.6(5)	7.0(5)	-2.1(5)
C5	32.2(6)	38.5(7)	43.9(7)	-5.9(5)	7.2(5)	1.8(5)
C2	34.7(6)	37.2(7)	48.2(7)	5.2(6)	7.3(5)	-6.5(5)
C18	43.3(7)	45.9(7)	33.1(6)	2.6(5)	15.3(5)	-5.8(6)
C4	36.6(7)	34.4(7)	59.1(9)	-10.1(6)	3.2(6)	1.9(5)
C17	31.7(6)	63.2(9)	42.2(7)	-1.2(6)	13.3(5)	-1.1(6)
C3	39.0(7)	31.3(6)	63.7(9)	1.6(6)	3.1(6)	-4.4(5)
C14	55.4(8)	41.3(7)	43.7(7)	-6.3(6)	15.7(6)	5.5(6)
C19	55.5(9)	59.4(9)	34.9(7)	5.4(6)	6.8(6)	-25.3(7)
C12	50.2(8)	44.7(8)	45.8(8)	-7.0(6)	4.3(6)	-14.6(6)



Atom	$U_{11}$	$U_{22}$	$U_{33}$	$U_{23}$	$U_{13}$	$U_{12}$
C22	82.7(11)	34.4(8)	35.6(7)	2.9(6)	-1.0(7)	-12.0(7)
C13	68.6(10)	37.2(7)	44.9(8)	-10.1(6)	8.3(7)	-8.5(7)
C27	63.5(10)	46.3(8)	53.1(9)	3.9(7)	6.9(7)	16.9(7)

**Table A10:** Bond Lengths in Å for **7c**.

Atom	Atom	Length/Å	Atom	Atom	Length/Å
N9	C8	1.3824(15)	C16	C20	1.3597(19)
N9	C1	1.3787(16)	C16	C17	1.5089(18)
N9	C18	1.4524(16)	C20	C21	1.468(2)
O23	C19	1.398(2)	C20	C19	1.4749(18)
O23	C22	1.387(2)	C21	C26	1.352(2)
O25	C19	1.199(2)	C21	C22	1.4804(19)
O24	C22	1.198(2)	C26	C28	1.4927(19)
C10	C8	1.4726(17)	C26	C27	1.501(2)
C10	C11	1.3957(17)	C11	C12	1.383(2)
C10	C15	1.3958(18)	C15	C14	1.387(2)
C8	C7	1.3883(16)	C5	C4	1.382(2)
C7	C6	1.4385(17)	C2	C3	1.382(2)
C7	C16	1.4619(16)	C4	C3	1.398(2)
C6	C1	1.4094(17)	C14	C13	1.384(2)
C6	C5	1.4025(18)	C12	C13	1.381(2)
C1	C2	1.3960(18)			

**Table A11:** Bond Angles in ° for **7c**.

Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°	Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°
C8	N9	C18	126.78(11)	C14	C15	C10	120.35(12)
C1	N9	C8	109.04(10)	C4	C5	C6	118.93(13)
C1	N9	C18	123.36(10)	C3	C2	C1	117.53(13)
C22	O23	C19	110.93(11)	C5	C4	C3	121.24(13)
C11	C10	C8	119.37(11)	C2	C3	C4	121.19(13)
C11	C10	C15	118.72(12)	C13	C14	C15	120.29(14)
C15	C10	C8	121.88(11)	O23	C19	C20	107.57(13)
N9	C8	C10	122.07(10)	O25	C19	O23	119.04(14)
N9	C8	C7	109.09(10)	O25	C19	C20	133.27(17)
C7	C8	C10	128.77(11)	C13	C12	C11	120.38(13)
C8	C7	C6	106.85(10)	O23	C22	C21	108.00(14)
C8	C7	C16	126.25(11)	O24	C22	O23	119.63(15)
C6	C7	C16	126.72(11)	O24	C22	C21	132.29(18)
C1	C6	C7	106.80(10)	C12	C13	C14	119.75(13)
C5	C6	C7	134.37(12)				
C5	C6	C1	118.83(12)				
N9	C1	C6	108.20(10)				
N9	C1	C2	129.53(12)				
C2	C1	C6	122.21(12)				
C7	C16	C17	115.56(11)				
C20	C16	C7	122.64(11)				
C20	C16	C17	121.63(12)				
C16	C20	C21	131.43(11)				
C16	C20	C19	121.18(13)				
C21	C20	C19	105.94(12)				
C20	C21	C22	105.25(12)				
C26	C21	C20	130.44(12)				
C26	C21	C22	122.89(13)				
C21	C26	C28	121.84(12)				
C21	C26	C27	123.09(13)				
C28	C26	C27	115.06(13)				
C12	C11	C10	120.50(13)				

**Table A12:** Hydrogen Fractional Atomic Coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for **7c**.  $U_{eq}$  is defined as 1/3 of the trace of the orthogonalised  $U_{ij}$ .

Atom	x	y	z	$U_{eq}$
H11	4676.71	7324.66	5474.6	45
H15	894.37	7572.5	5367.37	46
H28A	1340.53	6210.79	2713.73	58
H28B	-75.12	6629.15	2471.2	58
H28C	512.88	6260.52	3465.16	58
H5	3342.21	3837.07	3128.91	46
H2	1237.13	3182.01	5534.42	48
H18A	1791.51	6064.68	6493.1	60
H18B	1855.15	4784.95	6574.74	60
H18C	602.81	5354.27	6059.92	60
H4	2662.73	2096.29	3408.64	53
H17A	5131.08	5061.13	3898.44	67
H17B	5756.09	6198.3	3773.64	67
H17C	4983.14	5575.96	2928.1	67
H3	1651.19	1764.44	4605.72	55
H14	1176.74	9354.21	5890.27	55
H12	4942.02	9103.33	5995.94	57
H13	3198.11	10123.39	6200.24	61
H27A	461.33	9255.32	3413.52	82
H27B	-504.19	8310	3493.42	82
H27C	-333.48	8713.3	2534.91	82

## 6. Computational Methods

All DFT-calculations (M06-2x/def2TZVP level of theory) were performed with the Gaussian 09, Revision D01 software package.<sup>8,9</sup> Optimized structures were confirmed to be minima through frequency calculations. Visualization was done using CYLview Visualization Software.<sup>10</sup>

### Cartesian Coordinates

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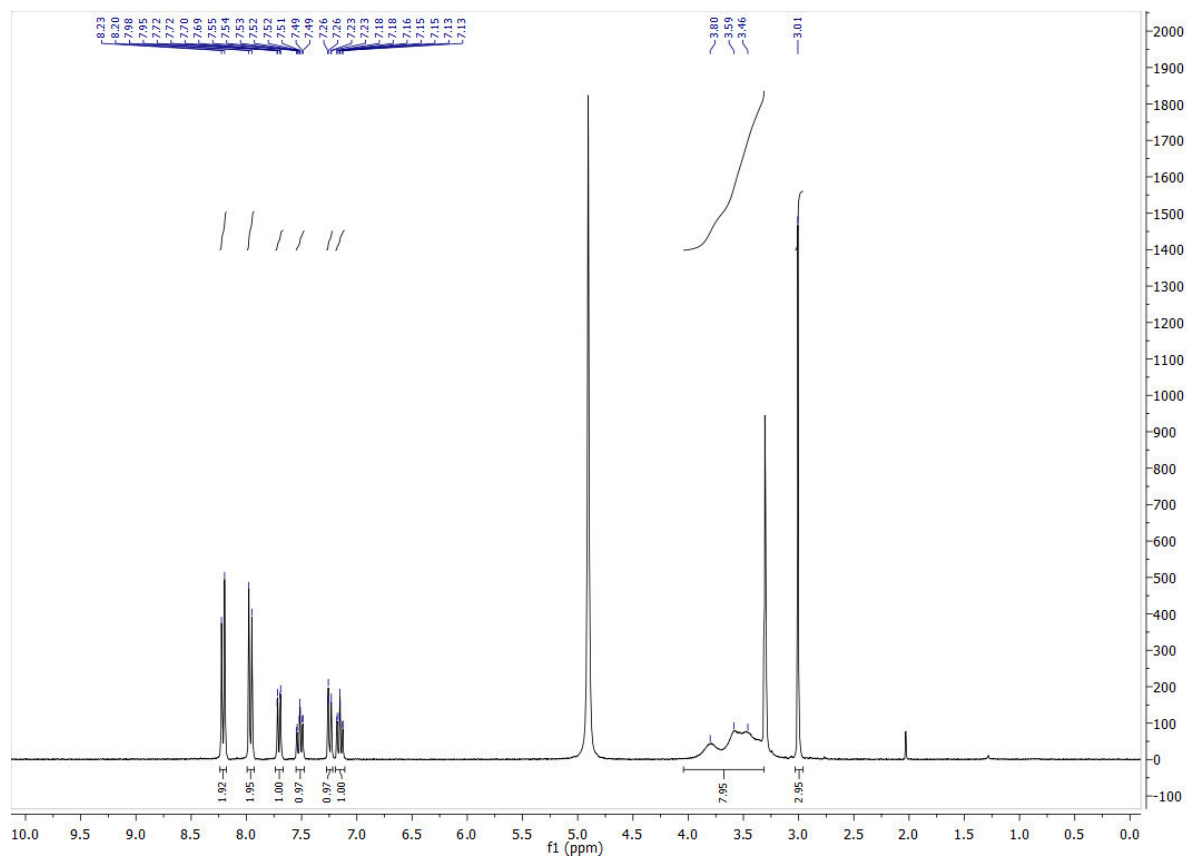
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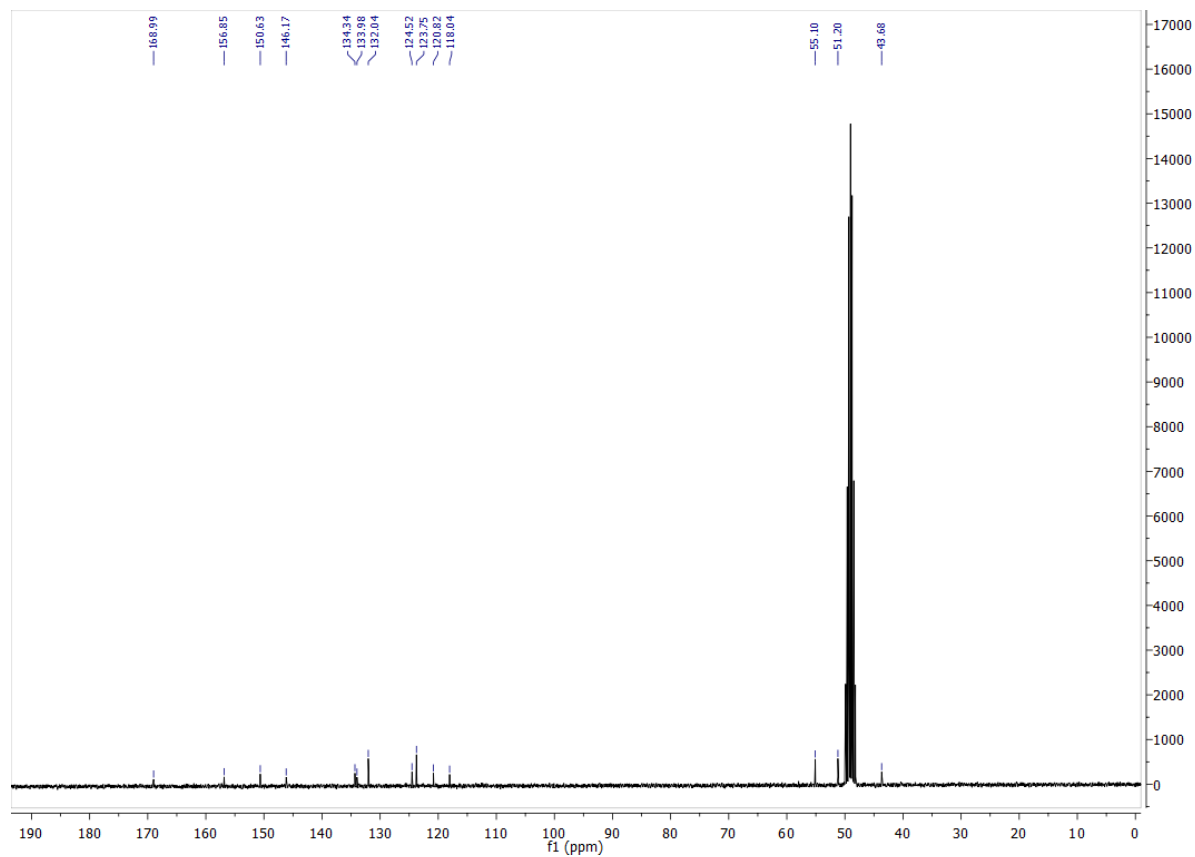
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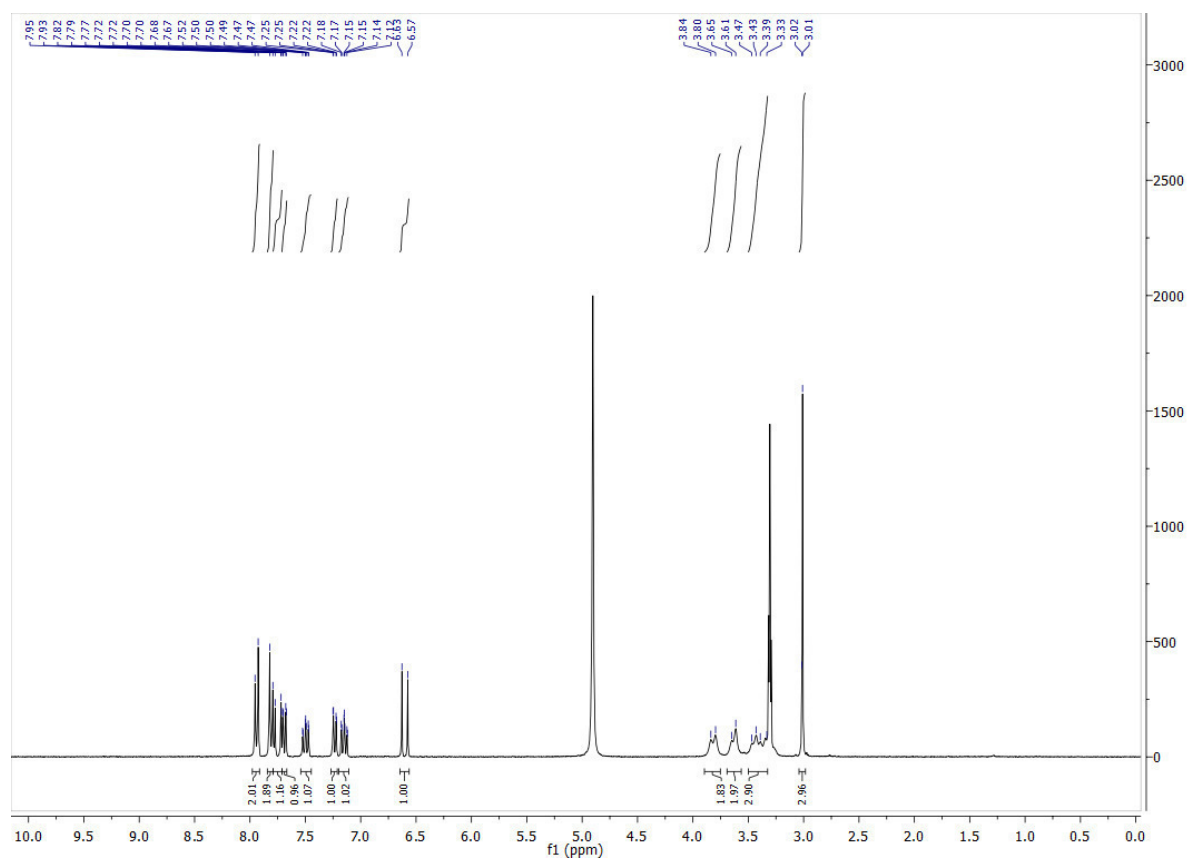
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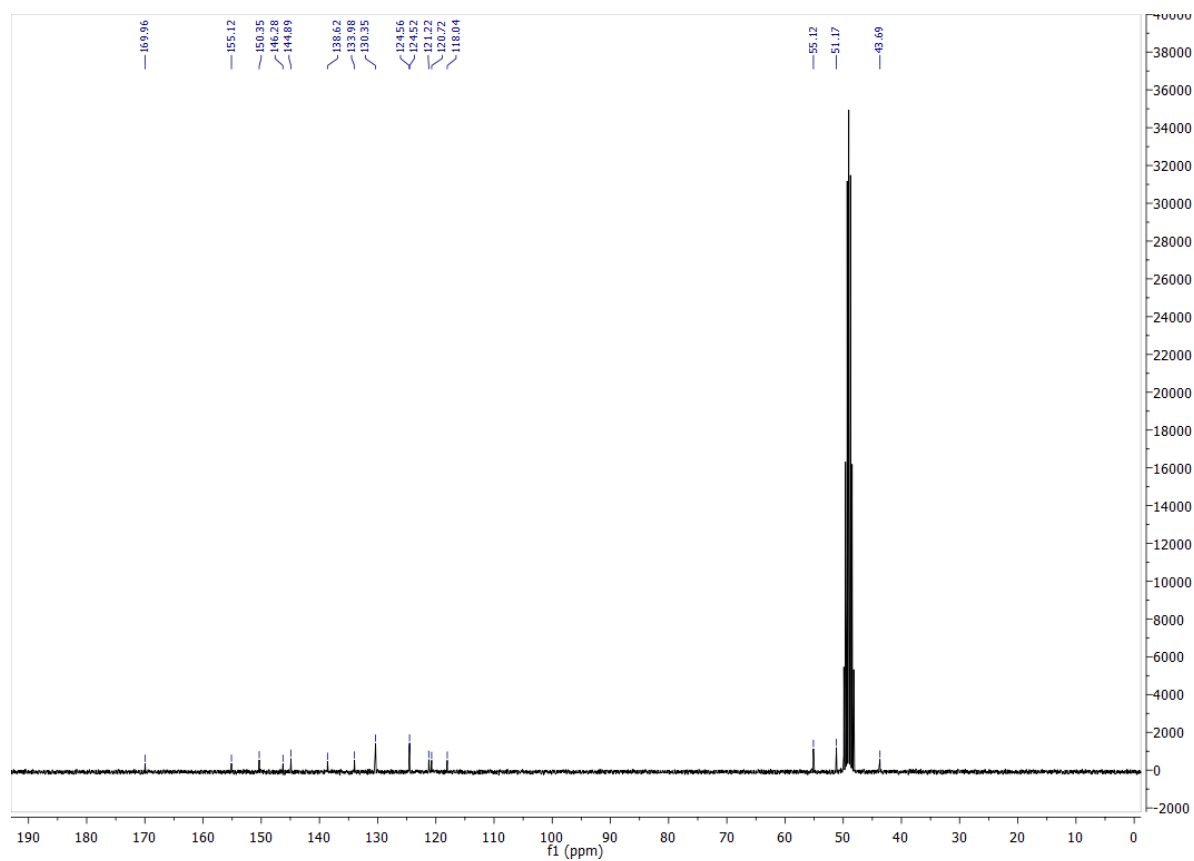
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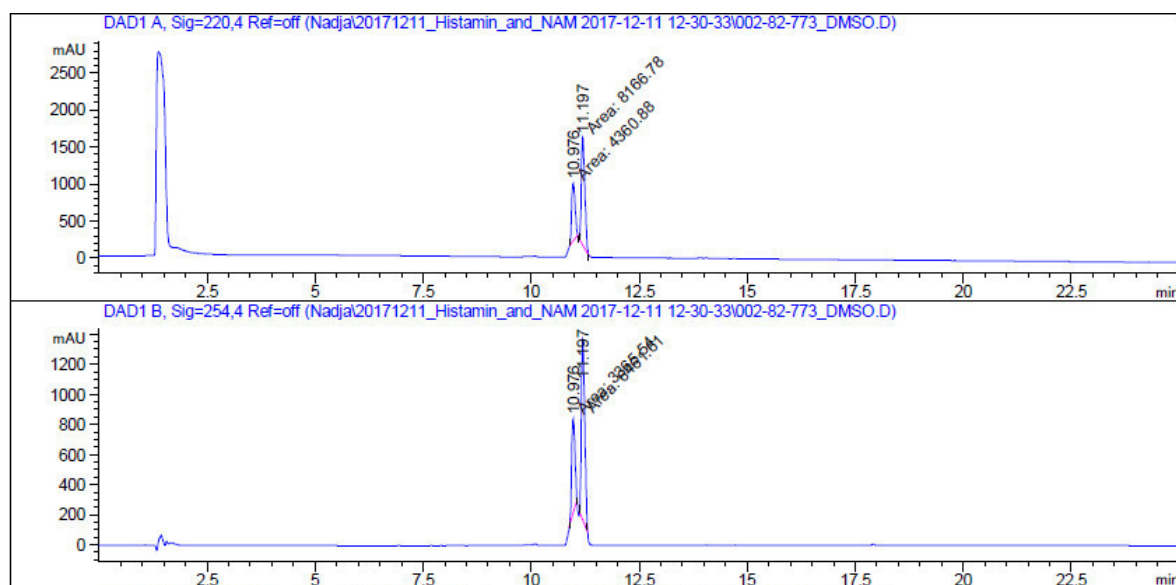


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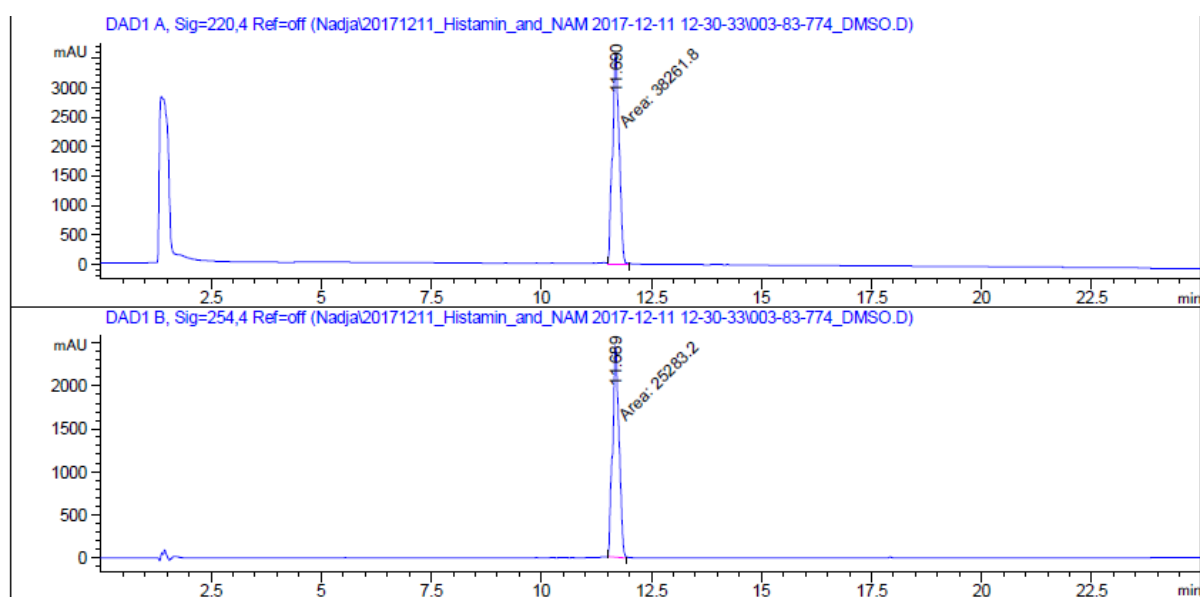


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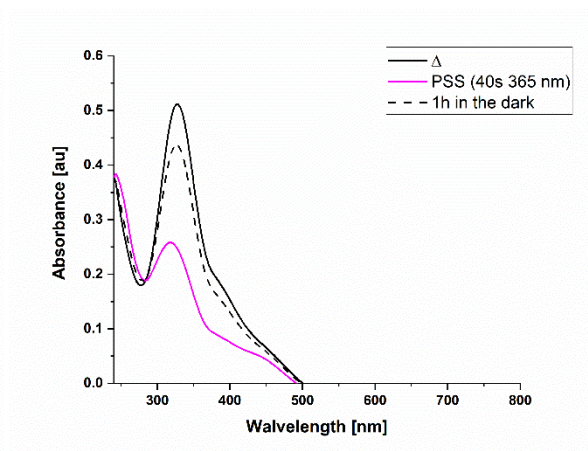
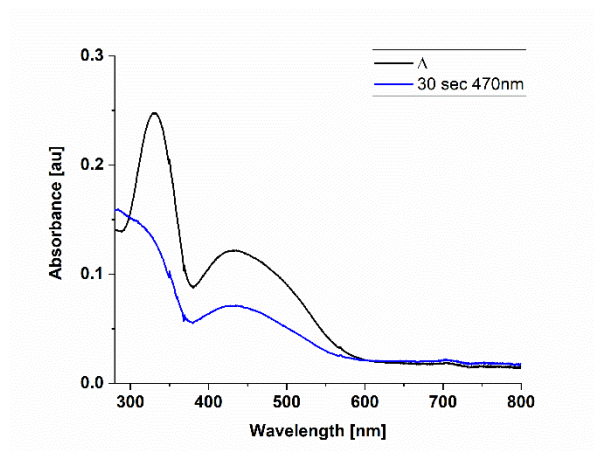


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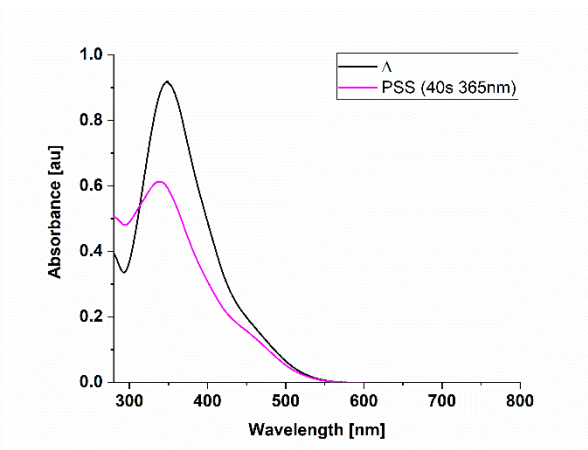
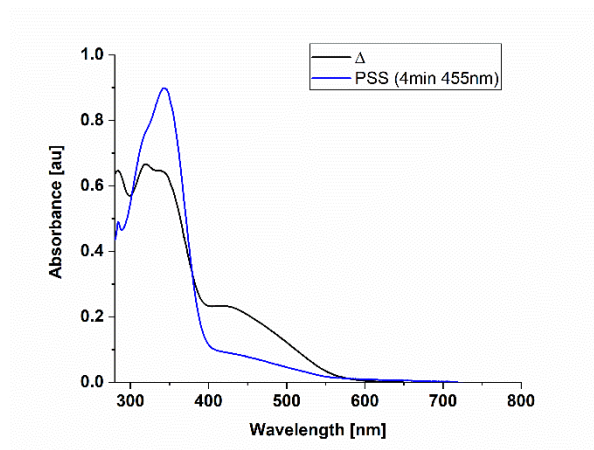


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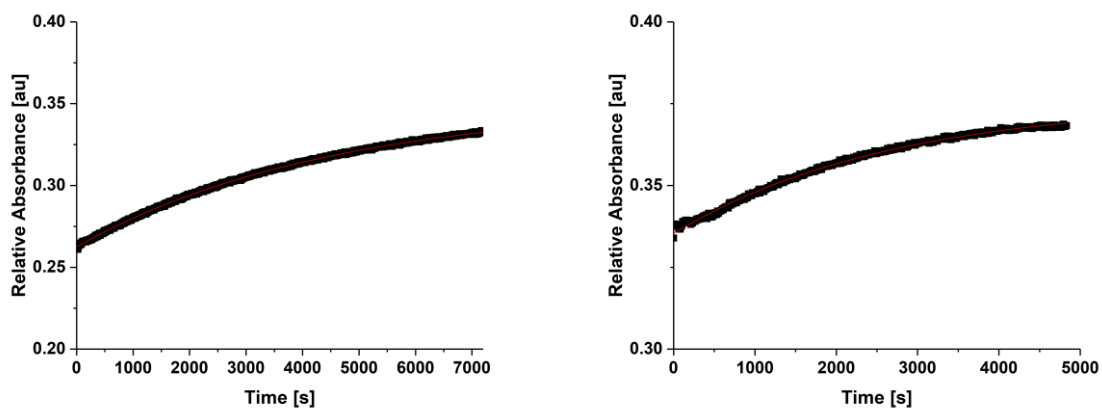
**1a** in DMSO (left) and buffer (right)



**1b** in DMSO (left) and buffer (right)



Lifetime in DMSO of **1a** (left) and **1b** (right).



	<b>1a</b>	<b>1b</b>
Equation	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/t1) + y0$	$y = A1 \cdot \exp(-x/t1) + y0$
y0	$0.35019 \pm 1.1675E-4$	$0.37556 \pm 2.0687E-4$
A1	$-0.08765 \pm 9.83248E-5$	$-0.04029 \pm 1.69958E-4$
t1	$4490.7513 \pm 12.20893$	$2645.25843 \pm 30.21326$
R-Square(COD)	0.9996	0.99702
Adj. R-Square	0.9996	0.997